

Annual Report



Town Of

READING MASSACHUSETTS

For The Year Ended December

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OFFICERS

1954

Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
JAMES E. CALVIN, Secretary	" "	1955
LAWRENCE DREW	" "	1956

Board of Public Welfare

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary	" "	1955
DONALD C. McKIE	" "	1957
*EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Welfare Agent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Social Worker		
§QUINCY B. PARK, Welfare Agent		

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
DONALD C. McKIE, Secretary	" "	1957
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN	" "	1955
*EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director		
*RUTH C. CORBETT, Social Worker		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Social Worker		
§QUINCY B. PARK, Director		

Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	" "	1955
†LEON G. BENT	" "	1957

Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Clerk

BOYD H. STEWART

Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Moderator

CHARLES P. HOWARD

Town Accountant

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Collector

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Personnel Board

HAROLD L. JONES, Chairman
JAMES E. CALVIN
*EMERSON A. WILLARD
§WILLIAM F. MURPHY
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

Director, Veterans' Service — Veterans' Benefits Agent
CHARLES W.H. SMITH

Board of Public Works

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman	Term Expires	1956
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary	" "	1957
KENNETH R. JOHNSON	" "	1955
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.	" "	1955
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.	" "	1957

Board of Health

CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D., Chairman	Term Expires	1956
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1957
EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D.	" "	1955

Finance Committee

CARL H. AMON, JR., Chairman	" "	1957
EVERETT H. BROMLEY	" "	1955
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1957
JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.	" "	1956
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1956
ERNEST E. GALLANT	" "	1955
CLEMENT T. GLEASON	" "	1957
JOHN R. KAY	" "	1955
WILLIAM D. MacKINNON	" "	1956
SAMUEL J. MALONE	" "	1955
WILLIAM F. MURPHY	" "	1957
CARL B. PITMAN	" "	1956
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1957
EMERSON A. WILLARD	" "	1955
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

School Committee

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
ARTHUR B. LORD, JR., Secretary		
NEWELL H. MORTON	" "	1956
ROBERT E. TURNER	" "	1957
GLADYS F. MILTON	" "	1955
*ALEXANDER P. GLOVER	" "	1955

School Physician

ER CHANG PING, M.D.

Superintendent of Schools

ARTHUR B. LORD, JR.

Attendance Officer

ROBERT A. GRUNDY

School Nurse

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

Municipal Light Board

ALFRED H. DOLBEN, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
FRANK D. TANNER, Secretary	" "	1955
*DONALD L. MILLER	" "	1956
§PHILLIP G. WILLCOX		

*Resigned

§Appointed to fill vacancy

†Deceased

Board of Registrars

LOUIS BACIGALUPO, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
ROBERT S. RALSTON, Secretary	" "	1956
JOHN J. WALSH	" "	1955

Board of Cemetery Trustees

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman	Term Expires	1955
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary	" "	1956
DAVID E. HERSEE	" "	1956
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" "	1955
EDOUARD N. DUBE	" "	1957
ERNEST E. BROWN	" "	1957

Planning Board

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman	Term Expires	1955
BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR., Secretary	" "	1956
ROBERT G. CLINCH	" "	1955
A. ERNEST CORINDIA	" "	1956
CHARLES WILSON	" "	1957

Board of Library Trustees

SYDNEY M. HODSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1955
NEIL C. ROBINSON, Secretary	" "	1956
KATHERINE C. PIERCE	" "	1957
H. IRENE LATHAM	" "	1956
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1955
†KENNETH BROWN	" "	1957
§ROBERT E. STEWART		

Commissioners of Trust Funds

†ROBERT M. BROWN, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	" "	1955
JOSEPH B. IVERSON	" "	1957

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

Board of Appeal

ERNEST L. NIGRO, Chariman	Term Expires	1955
LAWRENCE A. INGHAM, Secretary	" "	1955
GERALD E. FOSBROKE	" "	1957

Associate Members Board of Appeal

QUINCY A. LOTHROP, III	Term Expires	1955
RUSSELL L. MILLER	" "	1956
FORREST D. COOK	" "	1957

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Milk and Foods

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector Animals
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

Inspector of Buildings
HAROLD B. CURRELL

Game Warden
JAMES T. PUTNAM

Superintendent of Moth Work
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Dog Officer
WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

Tree Warden
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Forest Warden
CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Wardens
DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES S. PERRY
CAPT. HERBERT L. ROBERTSON LIEUT. GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE
LIEUT. DONALD C. MITCHELL MAURICE H. DONEGAN
JOHN A. SPURR JAMES T. PUTNAM

Constables
JAMES T. PUTNAM ARTHUR L. HARRIS

Insurance Committee
Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Chairman of
Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement Board
DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary
ARTHUR C. ALDRICH

Law Committee
Consists of Chairmen of the following Boards:
Board of Selectmen Board of Assessors
Board of Health Board of Public Welfare
School Committee Board of Public Works
Municipal Light Board

Police Department
ROLAND E. ELLIS, Chief

Sergeants
THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK WILLIAM H. FAULKNER
EDWARD M. HUBBARD

*Resigned

§Appointed to fill vacancy

†Deceased

Patrolmen

FRANK R. FISHER
HAROLD W. O'BRIEN
JOSEPH M. GREENE
PATRICK J. PANTANO
JOHN F. BEAUDOIN
WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP
GEORGE A. LeFAVE
JAMES E. HOWARD
FREDERICK J. KEEFE
JAMES L. POWER

ROLAND E. ELLIS, JR.
WINFRED A. MacDONALD, JR.
WILLIAM J. WEBB, JR.
JOHN A. BILICKI
PHILIP N. CAIL
HERBERT G. PERRY
JOSEPH W. CORMIER
EVAN P. EDWARDS
FRED GRANELLI, JR.
LEONARD P. HOYT

J. ROBERT CLARK, Clerk

Special Police Officers

ROBERT A. VARS
ELMER E. YOUNG
W. RAY YORKS
WILLIAM J. BROUSSARD
FRED REISSLE
ANDREW J. LOMAX
FRED GIBSON
STUART NICHOLS
GEORGE REES
WILLIAM LLOYD
DANIEL BUCKLEY
RICHARD E. MacBRIEN, JR.
EDWARD HARRISON
ROY BROGAN
HENRY GROMYKO
RALPH PLOUFF
EDWARD N. HARNDEN
HENRY O. BALLOU
EDWARD TEER
WILLIAM G. HENDERSON
JAMES T. PUTNAM
JOHN H. VANDENBERG
DONALD E. FLORENCE
WILLIAM H. MILLER
MAURICE H. DONEGAN
ARTHUR G. REES
ROBERT P. SMITH
HARRY A. TURNER
RALPH E. WILSON
J. ROBERT CLARK
DUNCAN H. STANLEY
HAROLD F. DAVIS
HUGH L. EAMES
JAMES H. MADDEN
ALEXANDER SMYTHE
JOHN D. LOUANIS

School Maintenance Supervisor
Senior High School
Senior High School
Senior High School
Junior High School
Junior High School
Junior High School
Eaton School
Eaton School
Lowell St. School
Highland School
Highland School
Pearl St. School
Pearl St. School
Bus Driver, School
Methodist Church
Centre School Building, Welfare Dept.
Municipal Bldg., Masonic Bldg., Sanborn Apts.
Library
Middlesex County Naional Bank
Reading Rifle and Revolver Club, Public Works
Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
Public Works
Town Forest
Victory House
Victory House
First Baptist Church
V.F.W. Quarters
Police Station
Police Station
Cemeteries
Fire Department
St. Agnes Church
Odd Fellows Building
Water and Sewer Pumping Stations

‡JOHN L. GOODRIDGE
 ‡WALTER L. ALLEN
 HORACE A. AUSTIN
 CHESTER A. COOK
 JOHN O'BRIEN
 WILLIAM N. RICHARDS

Traffic Control, Schools
 Traffic Control, Schools
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Fire Department

Permanent Firemen

Chief, HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Chief, JAMES S. PERRY

Captain, HERBERT L. ROBERTSON
 Lieutenant, GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE
 Lieutenant, DONALD C. MITCHELL
 CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD
 LESLIE C. HADLEY
 ROBERT W. SHANNON
 ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.
 GEORGE F. FOGG
 WILLIAM R. VAN HORN

ROBERT H. THOMAS
 RICHARD D. BOWN
 ROBERT W. PRATT
 LESLIE L. HADLEY
 HERBERT J. HUTCHINSON
 RUSSELL E. CARTER
 GERALD W. HUMPHREY
 ELMER W. MOORE
 THEODORE W. TURNER, JR.

Call Firemen

JOSEPH ARSENAULT
 HENRY O. BALLOU
 ROBERT L. BALLOU
 DANIEL J. BUCKLEY
 ‡HOWARD E. BUSSELL
 EVERETT G. CARROLL
 THEODORE J. DE BRUYN
 MYLES A. DENNO
 JOHN F. ENOS
 DEMELLE G. GAREY

JAMES R. GAW
 ROBERT M. GRAHAM
 EARL W. HOBART
 IVAR F. JOHNSON
 HERMAN L. REISSELE
 GEORGE G. RODGERS
 F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
 JOHN A. SPURR
 ERNEST R. WATSON

Call Dispatcher

‡JOHN L. GOODRIDGE
 §ALBERT R. MAINES

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

GEORGE F. FOGG

Measurers of Lumber

HAROLD B. CURRELL

FRED F. SMITH

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

‡Retired

§Appointed to fill vacancy

Measurers of Wood and Bark

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

HAROLD B. CURRELL

THOMAS E. BROGAN

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN

MABEL L. MacKAY

BERTHA L. MacLELLAN

MOLLIE A. SWEETSER

WENDELL B. NEWELL

D. GEORGE GAW

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

Committee on Elm Tree Protection

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

MARION V. HARRINGTON

Committee on Town Forests

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JAMES T. PUTNAM

HUGH L. EAMES

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

CHARLES E. WILSON, Chairman

JOHN R. KAY

LAWRENCE A. CATE, Secretary

STANLEY F. MAXWELL

ERNEST E. GALLANT

JOHN B. HARKER

Recreation Committee

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman

ROBERT E. TURNER, Secretary

C. SUMNER TEEL

LAWRENCE DREW

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

CARL W. PINKHAM

REV. JOSEPH H. GIUNTA

STATISTICS

Area, 10 square miles

Population, census of 1950, 14,006

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1, 1913; Precinct No. 2, 2310; Precinct No. 3, 1769; Precinct No. 4, 2428; Total, 8420

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex held in Woburn

Representatives in Congress, 8th District, Torbert H. MacDonald, Malden

Councillor 6th District, M. Edward Viola, Arlington

Senator 7th Middlesex District, George J. Evans, Wakefield

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Frank D. Tanner, Reading, and Charles E. Wilkinson, Reading

TOWN OF READING

List of Jurors for 1954-1955

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Bacigalupo, Mary B.,	Housewife	19 Woburn St.
Bangs, Edward E.,	Heating Engineer	27 California Rd.
Barnes, Gordon E.,	Electrician	19 Lawrence Rd.
Barney, Howard V.,	Survey Super.	62 King St.
Bartosch, William J.,	Supervisor	57 Cross St.
Basner, Frederick W.,	Bank Clerk	82 Forest St.
Batty, Charles A.,	Salesman	113 Haverhill St.
Beaman, Stanley H.,	President	206 Woburn St.
Belzer, Edwin,	Assembler	60 Haverhill St.
Berry, Walter D.,	Supervisor	11 Oak Ridge Rd.
Bigelow, Kenneth A.,	Loco. Fireman	14 D Street
Blake, Thomas J.,	Salesman	67 Belmont St.
Blandy, William H.,	Tel. Engineer	87 Scotland Rd.
Bromley, Everett H.,	Salesman	235 Summer Ave.
Buck, Robert H.,	Accountant	30 Dudley St.
Buckler, Harold E.,	Insurance Exec.	194 Summer Ave.
Burley, Albert M.,	Transportation	219 Pearl St.
Burns, Robert W.,	Salesman	457 Franklin St.
Campbell, William F.,	Carpenter	96 Lowell St.
Chamberlain, Raymond E.,	Salesman	19 Cape Cod Ave.
Chase, Robert P.,	News Dealer	18 Fairview Ave.
Collins, John J.,	President	23 Howard St.
Coolidge, Frank O.,	Clerk	64 Village St.
Coombs, Walter J.,	Milk Salesman	10 Criterion Rd.
Cooper, J. Donald,	Salesman	522 West St.
Crosby, Hilda G.,	Clerk	17 Beech St.
Crowell, Stewart P.,	Insurance	11 Mt. Vernon St.
Cummings, William H.,	Manager	219 Charles St.
Cutler, Walter C.,	Bus Driver	84 Forest St.
Dalton, George W.,	Vault Erector	97 Summer Ave.
DeSilvio, John,	Bricklayer	52 Mt. Vernon St.
Dinan, Edward J.,	Salesman	7 George St.
Dobbins, John H.,	Buyer	67 Washington St.
Dow, John A.,	Mech. Eng.	30 Priscilla Rd.
Dresser, William R.,	Bank Teller	7 Pine Ridge Rd.
Dugan, George R.,	Milk Salesman	145 Washington St.
Eaton, Roger P.,	Bank Teller	22 Echo Ave.
Ellison, Guy W.,	Foreman	92 Grand St.
Everett, Donald S.,	Engineer	17 Indiana Ave.
Francis, Russell P.,	Gen. Manager	34 Wescroft Rd.
Gadbois, Albert D.,	Shipper	8 Maple St.
Galvin, Joseph L.,	Serv. Mgr.	12 Woodbine St.
Garey, DeMelle G.,	Map Moulder	15 Hopkins St.
Gaw, Kenneth E.,	Salesman	9 Chute St.
Gleason, Clement T.,	Bank Clerk	53 Prescott St.

Glines, Walter C., Jr., Auto Salesman	226 Charles St.
Godfrey, Lillian G., Housewife	32 Scotland Rd.
Gould, Harry V., Jr., Appraiser	15 Fremont St.
Greene, William J., Machinist	7 Warren Ave.
Gullam, Gordon A., Purch. Agent	71 Highland St.
Halloran, Martin J., Jr., Bank Clerk	22 Prescott St.
Harding, George N., Civil Eng.	46 Prescott St.
Hatch, William H., Retired	29 Gardner Rd.
Higgins, Claude A., Free Lance Writer	32 Dudley St.
Hinckley, Hazel S., Housewife	256 Lowell St.
Hobart, Earl W., Proprietor	182 Main St.
Howe, Hallett D., Jr., Indust. Eng.	133 Walnut St.
Jaques, William D., Chemical Engineer	6 Robert Rd.
Jefferson, M. Tennyson, Investigator	175 Lowell St.
Jewett, Edith R., Organist	246 Ash St.
Johnson, Ethel F., Housewife	15 Woodward Ave.
Johnson, Walter C., Executive	39 Berkeley St.
Jollymore, Leslie, Machinist	11 Winter St.
Jones, Harold L., Asst. Mgr.	348 South St.
Knowles, Edmund F., Supt.	9 Warren Ave.
Leary, Phillip F., Manager	39 Hillside Rd.
Leighton, Robert P., Engineer	220 Charles St.
Lindsay, John E., Radio Engineer	79 Grand St.
Look, Sidney L., Const. Eng.	52 Bear Hill Rd.
Lothrop, Ruth S., Housewife	13 Longfellow Rd.
Lovering, Homer F., Toolmaker	25 Lincoln St.
Lowe, Horace P., Bank Teller	21 Pine Ridge Rd.
MacKenzie, Archibald A., Salesman	51 Hartshorn St.
Marr, George F., Manager	4 Kingston St.
Marshall, Frank C., Maintenance Man	48 Mill St.
Marshall, John R., Office Manager	66 John St.
Maxwell, John I., Bank Teller	18 Belmont St.
McDonald, Clifford A., Elect. Repair	3 Swan Road
McEnroe, Frank, Radio Tech.	12 Spruce Rd.
McHugh, John T., Manager	80 John Carver Rd.
McKie, Donald C., Banker	12 Ellis Ave.
McKinnon, John R., Electronics	165 South St.
McNabola, John R., Manager	293 Ash St.
Merrill, Frank M., Real Estate	88 Prescott St.
Metcalf, Harold R., Clerk	48B John St.
Miller, Herbert K., Bank Teller	23 Fairview Ave.
Milley, Eldon B., Factory Worker	9 Swan Pond
Moore, Clyde A., Iron Worker	31 Curtis St.
Mulhinch, Andrew, Traffic Mgr.	48 Bear Hill Rd.
Murphy, George V., Govt. Auditor	22 Winter St.
Murphy, William F., Salseman	3 Fielding Rd.
Nelson, Harley C., Chemical Eng.	60 Bancroft Ave.
Nicholas, Paul C., Salesman	16 Fairmount Rd.
Norton, Nelson J., Salesman	19 Percy Ave.
Noyes, Sumner C., Machinist	22 Glen Rd.
Oliver, George J., Sales Eng.	13 Middle St.

Packard, Dana L., Medical Rep.	101 Lowell St.
Parkman, Laress T., Sales Eng.	63 Locust St.
Parry, Louis A., Retired	7 Orange St.
Paul, Theodore L., Inspector	83 Cross St.
Pitman, Harold I., Wholesaler	144 Haverhill St.
Poehler, Arnold F., Electrician	34 Winter St.
Porter, Henry Y., Accountant	276 Summer Ave.
Powell, Albert W., Piper	13 Martin Rd.
Pratt, Richard A., Painter,	22 Union St.
Priestly, Harland R., Elect. Eng.	18 Wenda St.
Rackle, William H., Investigator	56 Prospect St.
Reed, Samuel L., Salesman	5 Coolidge Rd.
Richards, Arthur B., Salesman	31 Mt. Vernon St.
Richards, John F., Supervisor	36 Chestnut Rd.
Rooney, George, B. & M. R. R.	10 Center Ave.
Rousseau, William G., Chem. Eng.	4 Laneton Way
Rowe, Ernest Y., Asst. Manager	419 Haverhill St.
Sampson, Donald K., Engineer	12 Priscilla Rd.
Sargent, Grace E., Housewife	54 Lothrop Rd.
Sawin, George W., Sales Eng.	51 Walnut St.
Schoppely, Marjorie L., At Home	130 Woburn St.
Sharp, George H., Prod. Planning	125 Summer Ave.
Small, Norman B., Jr., Manager	436 Haverhill St.
Smith, Herbert R., Insurance Underwriter	20 Glen Rd.
Smith, Raymond L., Supervisor	9 Parker St.
Smith, Virginia C., Social Worker	273 Haverhill St.
Snow, Everett S., Supt.	62 Belmont St.
Spurr, Winfred F., Sales Mgr.	29 Perkins Ave.
Stanwood, Augustus T., Accountant	31 Pine Ridge Rd.
Steele, Earle G., Real Estate Broker	84 Prescott St.
Stewart, Jasper D., Accountant	33 Wescroft Rd.
Storey, Robert I., Elect. Repair	89 County Rd.
Sturges, Eric B., Banker	66 Winthrop Ave.
Sweetser, Allen A., Field Rep.	63 Pine Ridge Rd.
Surette, Paul E., Florist	46 Washington St.
Tasney, Florence E., Housewife	21 Sanborn St.
Tennett, Gordon W., Insurance	19 Hartshorn St.
Tine, Albert, Electrician	337 Ash St.
Tonseth, Richard G., Adv. Salesman	52 Highland St.
Tormey, John F., Foreman	57 Dividence Rd.
Vidito, Francis E., Metalurgical Tech.	659 Haverhill St.
Ward, John, Trainman	107 Green St.
Watts, Sherburne, J., Architect	7 Fremont St.
Weeks, Sumner C., Insurance Broker	38 Hillcrest Rd.
Wells, Walter A., Retired	49 Oak Ridge Rd.
Wetherbee, Max D., Airline Pilot	135 Timberneck Drive
Whalen, John J., Truck Driver	24 Chestnut St.
Williamson, Joseph, Compositor	65 Prescott St.
Windsor, Edward D., Bank Officer	265 Ash St.
Winsor, Gordon D., Salesman	3 Gilmore Ave.
Zagorski, Stephen S., Bus. Mgr.	320 Haverhill St.
Zwicker, Melburn C., Gas Station Attendant	114 Eaton St.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Security Hall

March 1, 1954

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereon, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the Warrant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of James E. Calvin, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Charles P. Howard, with the following results.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Moderator for one year					
Charles P. Howard	664	878	658	863	3063
Blanks	108	128	91	134	461
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
Town Clerk for one year					
Boyd H. Stewart	689	892	665	885	3131
Blanks	83	114	84	112	393
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
Selectmen for three years					
Kenneth C. Latham	638	885	676	862	3061
Blanks	134	121	73	135	463
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
Selectman for Two Years					
Lawrence Drew	515	416	321	505	1757
Emerson A. Willard	242	573	420	459	1694
Blanks	15	17	8	33	73
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
Board Public Welfare (3 years)					
Donald C. McKie	613	848	637	841	2939
Blanks	159	158	112	156	585
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
One Assessor for three years					
Leon G. Bent	382	600	507	587	2076
Robert A. Grundy	300	332	203	336	1171
Blanks	90	74	39	74	277
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524

Treasurer for one year

Preston F. Nichols	679	877	679	887	3122
Blanks	93	129	70	110	402
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524

Municipal Light Board (3 years)

Alfred H. Dolben	639	859	662	853	3013
Blanks	133	147	87	144	511
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524

Two Constables for one year

Arthur L. Harris	602	840	639	816	2897
James T. Putnam	607	795	628	845	2875
Blanks	335	377	231	333	1276
Totals	1544	2012	1498	1994	7048

Two Board Public Works (3 years)

Coleman J. Donahue	283	314	301	442	1340
Lester W. Bowen	156	173	133	269	731
John B. Harker	139	347	223	239	948
William J. Johnson	199	445	311	307	1262
Calvert W. Mullen	143	102	87	118	450
Domenick Zanni, Jr.	415	380	312	416	1523
Blanks	209	251	131	203	794
Totals	1544	2012	1498	1994	7048

Board of Health (3 years)

Christine F. Atkinson	631	843	621	838	2933
Blanks	141	163	128	159	591
Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524

Two School Committee Members for three years

Robert E. Turner	486	686	539	628	2339
Virginia H. Broadbent	195	237	131	210	773
William E. Burpee	397	478	393	571	1839
Edward S. Knudson	199	338	285	361	1183
Blanks	267	273	150	224	914
Totals	1544	2012	1498	1994	7048

Two Library Trustees for three years

Katherine C. Pierce	461	598	499	609	2167
Kenneth L. Brown	383	645	435	485	1948
Robert E. Stewart	306	369	329	440	1444
Francis G. Walett	130	136	104	216	586
Blanks	264	264	131	244	903
Totals	1544	2012	1498	1994	7048

Two Cemetery Trustees for three years

Ernest E. Brown	648	848	638	874	3008
Edouard N. Dube	620	824	636	830	2910
Blanks	276	340	224	290	1130

Totals	1544	2012	1493	1994	7048
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Planning Board for three years

Charles Wilson	621	828	625	838	2912
Blanks	151	178	124	159	612

Totals	772	1006	749	997	3524
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Precinct 1**Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Henry O. Ballou, 71 Green St.	511
Vivian W. Bliss, 194 Pleasant St.	489
William C. Bliss, 194 Pleasant St.	486
William F. Cook, 75 Cross St.	515
Everett J. Doucette, 40 Shackford Rd.	471
William B. Herrick, 515 Summer Ave.	451
William S. Lister, Jr., 32 Thorndike St.	495
Herbert Mitchell, 156 Salem St.	505
A. Waldo Phinney, 61 Cross St.	506
Neil C. Robinson, 9 Cedar St.	500
Wilson A. Smith, 10 Smith Ave.	431
Barbara E. Sumner, 71 Salem St.	515
Clifford P. Wadman, 66 Pearl St.	463
Ernest R. Watson, 16 Cedar St.	484
Thomas J. Madden, 228 Washington St.	398
Everett P. Packer, 271 Haven St.	401
Frederick J. Stokinger, Jr., 46 Wakefield St.	367
Armand F. Wood, 5 Brook St.	296
Blanks	3296

Total	11580
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Precinct 2**Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Warren G. Cochrane, Jr., 26 County Rd.	606
Winthrop P. Frazier, 438 Summer Ave.	548
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St.	636
Leon T. Hutchins, 175 Prescott St.	584
Grace C. Johnson, 22 Orchard Park Dr.	514
Donald C. McKie, 12 Ellis Ave.	561
Henry C. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	614
John B. Pacino, 111 Scotland Rd.	518
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave.	526
Helen M. Towle, 22 West St.	496
Herbert C. Towle, 22 West St.	548

Emerson A. Willard, 56 Pine Ridge Rd.	673
Kenneth L. Brown, 267 Summer Ave.	579
John E. Devaney, 15 Ellis Ave.	378
Richard C. Evans, 43 Springvale Rd.	397
William J. Johnson, 468 West St.	506
Fred C. Kenney, Jr., 39 County Rd.	396
William J. Lander, 88 Glenmere Circle	309
Elmer B. Lincoln, 46 Glenmere Circle	402
Wendell H. Packard, 85 Pine Ridge Rd.	418
Charles L. Richardson, Jr., 418 Summer Ave.	511
George Roman, 24 Glenmere Circle	217
Charles K. Spalding, 124 Walnut St.	341
William M. Warren, 149 Walnut St.	429
Blanks	3383
Total	15090

Precinct 3

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Stephen A. Abbott, 25 Prospect St.	590
Lawrence W. Allen, 38 Temple St.	556
Carl H. Amon, Jr., 43 Bond St.	559
Paul R. Bergholtz, 45 Middlesex Ave.	558
Oscar M. David, 211 High St.	487
Joshua T. Day, Jr., 64 Berkeley St.	577
John L. Devaney, 34 Washington St.	450
John R. Kay, 50 Grand St.	545
Harry F. McRell, Jr., 14 Willow St.	501
Richard G. Moore, 40 Grand St.	535
Edward W. Palmer, 12 Willow St.	467
Dorothy F. Stevens, 14 School St.	568
Joshua D. Upton, 79 Woburn St.	470
Bernard F. Cann, 66 Mineral St.	322
Edward L. Cornwall, 10 Pilgrim Rd.	369
Charles H. Edgar, Jr., 272 High St.	427
Amy T. Oliver, 89 Grand St.	401
Frederick S. Oliver, 89 Grand St.	445
George C. Ricker, 143 Willow St.	362
Blanks	2046
Total	11235

Precinct 4

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

John M. Barron, 57 Wakefield St.	669
C. Nelson Bishop, 55 Lowell St.	740
Lawrence A. Cate, 264 Charles St.	701
Harold F. Davis, 17 Forest Glen Rd.	726
Edmund P. Drozek, 594 Pearl St.	510
Edward C. Emslie, 252 Charles St.	624

Donald Higgins, 51 Grove St.	664
Thomas F. Maher, 273 Forest St.	499
Donald C. Mitchell, 22 Tennyson Rd.	630
James T. Putnam, 1027 Main St.	701
George A. Schroeder, 10 Granger Ave.	529
Charles W. H. Smith, 155 Wakefield St.	672
William H. Willson, Jr., 55 Bancroft Ave.	630
Wayne D. Bartlett, 23 Willard Rd.	439
Lester W. Bowen, 1457 Main St.	530
Elbridge W. Grover, 7 Woodland St.	468
Charles A. Kenrick, Jr., 49 Wakefield St.	420
Gilbert M. Lothrop, 13 Longfellow Rd.	664
George A. Luther, 12 Meadow Brook Lane	431
Blanks	3708
Total	14955

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast — 3524.

The votes were declared in Open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn sine die, 2 A.M. March 2, 1954.

A true record. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Shepardson Hall, Junior High School

March 15, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard at 7:45 P.M.

The new Town Meeting Members were requested to stand and be sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be authorized and instructed to prepare a suitable resolution expressing commendation and appreciation for the untiring and valuable service rendered to the Town by Mr. G. Lawrence Roberts as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and that the Town Clerk be further authorized and instructed to spread a copy of such resolution upon the Town Records and to transmit a copy thereof to Mr. Roberts.

Article 2. The following report was read by Kenneth C. Latham.

Industrial Development Committee

In line with the vote of the Special Town Meeting held October 5, 1953, the Selectmen held a joint meeting of all Town Boards on November 2, 1953. As a result of this joint meeting, the various Town Boards appointed one member to the Industrial Development Committee for the purpose of analyzing the present Industrial Zone of the Town of Reading and reporting its findings thereon. This committee held several meetings, and the following is a consolidation of their thinking regarding industrial development within the present industrial zone of the Town of Reading:

Reading in the year 1953 has a total industrial zone, improved, of 51.22 acres with a total assessed valuation of \$650,575. There is available within the present industrial zone, undeveloped, approximately 37 acres. Of this, 10.32 acres are owned by the Town of Reading, and 26.68 acres are privately owned. As stated above, the entire 37 acres is in the present industrial zone of Reading.

An analysis of the services and requirements for the development of this industrial zone is as follows:

Electricity

There is presently available as a result of a new feeder some 500 kilowatts on the Ash Street side of the railroad tracks of peak coincidental load which is available for industrial and other services. In addition there is a non-coincidental amount of capacity above this stated 500 kilowatts on hand up to a limit of about 900 kilowatts of off peak loads for this area. On the John Street side of the railroad tracks, there is presently available 250 kilowatts capacity above the present peak loadings, and there is available an additional 200 kilowatts of non-coincidental load which could be taken on for a total of 450 kilowatts.

Construction plans are on hand which aim for progressive capacity additions in regard to all areas in Reading, including this industrial zone.

It is interesting to note that the two large industries of Reading; namely, the Boston Stove Foundry and Goodall-Sanford Mills use from 150 to 440 kilowatts during our system peak load hours and from 640 to 820 kilowatts during the day time before the system peak load.

Water

On the easterly side of the R.R. facilities are not good in a broad sense. This area is fed through six inch mains. Would give fair service to industries using small amounts of water. Would not be sufficient for industries using large amounts of water.

On the westerly side of the R.R. facilities are fairly good. This area is fed from a twelve inch main in Ash Street. Would be sufficient for most industries excepting those using extreme amounts of water. As to drilling for own water supply, the amount would be small in our opinion.

In general the present Town supply is not sufficient to service industries which require water in more than small amounts.

Sewer

The main trunk sewer for the Town runs through private property from John Street to Ash Street and passes under the railroad.

The technical problems of extending the sewer to the entire industrial area are relatively minor although some of the extensions required would be expensive due to deep cuts in poor soil.

The main problem here would be the trunk sewer and the pumping station. Both are now being used to near capacity. If some types of industries were built, the trunk sewer would have to be enlarged and the pumping discharge capacity increased.

Roads

Most Town roads in this area are not of the type to give good service to industries. Under ordinary conditions they would have to be widened and rebuilt. However, the real closeness to Route 128 will relieve this situation to a great extent. So much so that it might not be necessary to widen the roads. However, the surface of the roads are in general oil treated gravel, a relatively weak type of construction. In most cases the surfaces would have to be rebuilt and stronger type surfaces substituted.

The Industrial area contains very little mileage of Town roads. Development of the area would undoubtedly require the construction of additional roads which presumably would be financed by the developers.

Consideration of Welfare Load

After consideration of the welfare load presently, the figures for some years back, and projecting the future, as well as an analysis of the present use of pension plans along with other types of fringe benefits, it would seem to indicate that the industrial worker of the future would be less of a welfare liability than in the past. For example, private pension funds as of December 2, 1953, had grown to a figure of \$17,000,000,000., and this figure is presently growing at the annual rate of \$2,000,000,000. per year. This private pension fund covers some 10,000,000 workers. In addition, through the medium of unemployment insurance and Social Security coverage, it would seem logical to assume that the growth of this tremendous reservoir of money should have some effect on the type of individual to be considered on future welfare rolls, and it would thus seem that a moderate increase in well chosen industry within an industrial development would not materially affect welfare costs for the future.

Population Growth

With the modern modes of transportation, population growth as a result of industrial expansion was analyzed. With population growth would come the need for increased school facilities, public safety measures, etc. However, after checking with local cities and towns which had shown a large activity in recent years in attracting new industries,

and in the considered opinion of those community officers, housing developments that had taken place were not directly attributable to new industry, as many of the employees were commuting from nearby communities. There was, of course, some popular attraction, but not to any great extent. It is hard to pin point any factual decision other than opinions on this particular question.

Zoning

The zoning law regarding the industrial zoning was also analyzed, and it was the considered opinion of the group that the present zoning for the industrial zone is too broad and leaves Reading wide open to unattractive and obnoxious types of industrial development. Restrictive controls are available within the present zoning law, but only after the industry has located and is operating. Also the present zoning law allows for a building to cover 85% of the land area. The group felt, after study, that a change in the zoning law regarding these points should be made.

Conclusion

After studying an analysis of the present facilities within the present industrial zone, the undersigned recommend and have so advised the Planning Board, that the present zoning law of the Town of Reading be changed to more closely restrict the type of industrial development which can take place within the industrial zone; that in addition the present zoning laws be changed to include the area located on the Quannapowitt side of John Street, starting with the location of the present Tree and Moth Department building and running to the Wakefield line, to be changed from residential area to industrial area, as this particular portion of land is certainly not desirable for residential development. This was the only additional area of land considered because of its close proximity to the present industrial zone. No other consideration was entertained, as it was not considered to be within the province of this committee. The present zoning law allows for a building to cover 85% of the land area. This area of building coverage should be reduced to an area of building coverage of 50 to 60% of the land to allow for off street trucking and parking of automobiles. It was thought that the present industrial zone could be developed profitably within the limitations of our town services and within the limitations of the land itself, providing said development was closely restricted through these changes in our zoning law.

Such development figures as a result would be estimated to be as follows:

Allowing for residential zoning setback and access roads, we estimate conservatively that these three areas would have a total usable area of approximately 1,580,000 square feet.

Off of John Street there is approximately 226,500 square feet of usable land.

The following is a recapitulation of land areas, probable new building areas, estimated building costs, assessments and probable reflected taxes.

1. Land area off Ash Street 1,580,000 square feet	
Assume 40% for building coverage	632,000 sq. ft.
2. Land area off John Street 226,500 square feet	
Assume 25% for building coverage	90,000 sq. ft.
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Total Probable Building Area	722,000 sq. ft.

Estimated Costs of Conventional Sprinklered Industrial Buildings

722,000 square feet at \$6.00 per sq. ft.	\$4,332,000
Estimated Assessment 50%	2,166,000
Estimated Taxes at \$50 rate — \$108,300.	

The foregoing figures are based upon an assumption that the land off Ash Street would be subdivided and perhaps developed by several industries and for this reason only 40% building coverage was allowed for. Off John Street only 25% building coverage was allowed for, due to poor foundation conditions and drainage over portions of land.

It would be good sound reasoning to encourage a multiple development of diversified industries, requiring units of 40,000 square foot buildings and upwards.

However, the foregoing should not preclude encouragement to a large industry to acquire the entire Ash Street area, such as a development similar to Sylvania Electric Corporation in Woburn or the Western Electric Corporation in North Andover.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY WALKER, Board of Public Works
RALPH HORN, Board of Assessors
DONALD McKIE, Board of Public Welfare
PHILIP WHITE, School Committee
WALTER M. FOWLER, Finance Committee
ROBERT CLINCH, Planning Board
ALFRED DOLBEN, Municipal Light Dept.
KENNETH LATHAM, Selectman

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that this report be accepted and placed on file.

Article 2. The following report was read by Charles R. Baisley.

Final Report of Committee to Investigate and Study Advantages of Union Health Plans

In accordance with the vote under Article 42 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 1953, the Moderator appointed a committee of five to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662 of the Acts of 1949, being an act relative to the organization of union health departments, and to study existing public health services and facilities in the town to determine the advantage to be derived from Reading joining with neighboring towns for a Union Health Department. A feature of this act made it compulsory for a town to enter such a union within ten years unless it met minimum requirements as set forth in the Act.

Since your Committee made an investigation and study, the Legis-

lature of 1953 repealed the Act, and under Chapter 600 of the Acts of 1953 it is no longer compulsory to join a Health Union. This new Act merely makes it permissive for two or more towns to join together and establish a Regional Health Union. There are, however, some results of our investigation that might be reported for present or future consideration.

Under the minimum health services as defined by the Public Health Council of the State, we find that control of communicable diseases is being adequately provided for. There are sufficient sanitary provisions and precautions being taken regarding water, milk, sale of foods, day nurseries, convalescent homes and boarding homes and schools, and other public buildings. While the town does not set up and maintain a laboratory in testing for communicable diseases and examination of water, milk, and food, it does make full use of available State laboratories.

In matters of maternal and child health, a well baby clinic holds regular sessions and needed nursing care is given by the Visiting Nurse and School Nurse who serve as Public Health Nurses.

Health education is carried on through contact with the schools and use of posters in public buildings. All important information and notices are published in the Reading Chronicle.

Under vital statistics, records are kept of all communicable and other diseases, but no records are maintained for accidents.

Only in personnel is the town failing to meet the minimum requirements as set forth in the 1949 Statute. In order to comply with this, the town would have to employ a director, clerks, and full time nurses. One can easily see the added expense which would be necessary to meet this requirement.

The cost to maintain a Health Union in figures set forth by the State is approximately \$70,000. This figure is based on a population of 50,000. Reading's share would be about one third or \$23,000. Your Committee feels that this is a very minimum that would be required. The present budget of the Board of Health not including garbage collection is \$11,626.

There are, however, advantages to being in a Health Union. It would make available to the town the services of trained public health personnel such as public health nurses, sanitary engineers, trained clerks, and a medical director. There would be a centralization for more efficient use of equipment, services, and personnel. Also with the disassociation of personnel from other work, there would be more rigid enforcement of Public Health Laws.

As against these advantages your Committee cites the following as some of the disadvantages. There would be a loss of local control and interest as well as loss of locally available services. There is the possibility of bureaucratic expansion. It might mean legally efficient handling rather than humane understanding of local health problems.

Taking into consideration the fact that minimum health services are now being rendered with the exception of suggested personnel, and the increased cost which the entering a Union Health Plan would entail, your Committee recommends that the Town does not participate in such a plan at this time. However, your committee also feels that some

improvements might be made which would improve the administration of health problems in the town.

A sanitary survey of the town by a competent firm of sanitary engineers might reveal places that would call for improvement.

The employment of a full-time public health nurse would give needed additional service in an area now covered by the Visiting Nurse and School Nurse.

The transfer of garbage collection to the Board of Public Works would put this activity in the hands of a Board better equipped to handle it.

At some time in the future, the town should consider a full time sanitary engineer to operate under the local Board of Health and the maintenance of an office for better service to the community as a whole.

With the submitting of this report, your Committee recommends that it be discharged from its duties, since, due to the vote of the 1953 Legislature, it appears that further investigation is not needed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. BAISLEY, M.D.

WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.

RUTH M. WATTS

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON

NEWELL H. MORTON

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that this report be accepted and placed on file.

Article 2. The following report was read by Harold L. Jones.

Report of the Personnel Board to the Annual Town Meeting,

March 15, 1954

In accordance with Section 15 of the "Regulations relating to Job Classifications" the Personnel Board has reviewed the Salary Schedule and is making no recommendation for any general revision of the Schedule as it exists today.

The responsibility of the Personnel Board is two-fold. We must consider the problems of both the Town Employees and the Taxpayers. To underpay our Town Employees would be in effect asking them to subsidize the operation of the Town Departments for the benefit of the Taxpayers. To pay them at rates higher than those being paid for comparable jobs in other communities would be unfair to the Taxpayers who each year have the problem of maintaining the necessary services in the Town while trying to keep a rising taxrate within bounds.

Schedule A, which follows, shows the job maximums established in January 1949 and the maximums in effect in February 1954. There have been two general increases during the past five years and many individual adjustments.

It does not seem to us reasonable, on the basis of present economic conditions, to assume that the next five years will require the increases in salaries which were necessary during the past five years. Conse-

quently, the increases proposed in Article 22 are only those necessary to recognize increases in job responsibilities and to keep other job rates in line with those of other communities. If further adjustments are required to give our employees fair and equitable rates during the next five year period, we will give them every consideration as we have during the past five years.

It has been necessary to hold many meetings with the boards that operate under the schedule, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their friendly and wholehearted cooperation.

HAROLD L. JONES, Chairman
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS
EMERSON A. WILLARD

Personnel Board

SCHEDULE A

Job Title	Maximum Jan. 1949	Maximum Jan. 1954
Junior Clerk	35.48	41.85
Senior Clerk	44.87	51.80
Foreman	75.00	83.74
Supervisory Employee		
Mechanic and Shovel Oper.	none	70.40
Skilled Labor	58.85	66.40
Semi-skilled Labor	53.11	60.40
Unskilled Labor	48.06	55.60
Unclassified Labor	none	44.00
Public Works		
Supt.	110.56	129.59
Asst. Supt.	none	90.10
Pumping Station Engineer	70.80	79.29
Asst. to Supt. and Pumping Station Engineer	70.00	none
Asst. Pumping Station Engineer	none	63.60
Transit, Rodman and Draftsman	52.96	none
Junior Office Engineer	none	63.60
Civil Engineer	none	110.00
Senior Draftsman	none	90.00
Land Surveyor	none	90.00
Junior Draftsman	none	60.40
Transitman	none	75.00
Rodman	none	60.40
Meter Repairman	none	61.20
Dump Caretaker	47.36	53.20
Municipal Light Dept.		
Manager	118.25	129.59
Comptroller	102.13	112.50
Assistant to Comptroller	58.05	65.77
Distribution Engineer	91.38	101.10

Construction Superintendent	91.38	101.10
Line Truck Foreman	77.40	88.00
Cable Splicer	77.40	88.00
Lineman—1st Class	70.95	81.20
Lineman—2nd Class	59.77	67.60
Lineman—3rd Class	none	61.60
Groundsman	51.60	58.80
Patrolman—1st Class	63.43	71.60
Patrolman—Apprentice	52.68	60.40
Mechanic	59.34	66.80
Meter Tester	45.15	62.40
Meter Reader	43.00	50.00
Operator	56.98	64.40
Chief Operator	66.65	75.20
Stockroom Man	46.23	57.20
Merchandise Manager	83.85	93.12
Service Manager	72.03	80.59
Salesman Clerk	53.75	61.22
Service Man	63.43	71.60
Service Man—Apprentice	51.60	58.80
Shipping and Receiving Clerk	38.70	46.80
Collector	47.30	54.40
Janitor	45.15	52.00

Cemetery Dept.

Superintendent	75.00	83.74
Working Foreman	62.30	70.00

Public Library

Librarian	49.45	56.66
Assistant Librarian	36.55	46.64
Library Clerical	none	hr. .90

Tree and Moth Dept.

Superintendent	75.00	83.74
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Police Dept.

Chief	4,100.00	4,750.00
Sergeant	3,500.00	3,925.00
Patrolman	3,200.00	3,610.00

Fire Dept.

Chief	4,100.00	4,750.00
Deputy	3,600.00	4,100.00
Captain	3,500.00	3,925.00
Lieutenant	3,400.00	3,825.00
Private	3,200.00	3,610.00
Call Man—Full Time (24 hrs.)	215.00	300.00
Call Man—Half Time	107.50	150.00
Extra or part time work	hr. .81	hr. .95

General Government

Town Accountant	3,762.50	4,982.00
Janitor—Town Building	53.75	61.22

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that this Report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

Article 3. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell
Fred F. Smith
Maurice H. Donegan

and that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Harold B. Currell
Thomas E. Brogan
Maurice H. Donegan

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 3 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 22

Article 22. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the Schedule of Minimum and Maximum salaries to be paid to employees in the positions included in the Employees Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the hourly and weekly maximums as appearing therein and substitute in place thereof under the Job Classifications the following new hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates:

Classification

Section 4. Public Works Dept.

	Hourly Max.	Weekly Max.
Superintendent		140.00

Section 5. Municipal Light Dept.

Manager		135.00
Comptroller		117.50
Distribution Engineer		107.00
Construction Supt.		105.90
Line Truck Foreman	2.32	92.80
Lineman—1st Class	2.15	86.00
Lineman—2nd Class	1.81	72.40
Groundsman	1.55	62.00
Mechanic	1.76	70.40
Meter Tester	1.65	66.00
Chief Operator	2.00	80.00
Operator	1.715	68.60
Shipping and Receiving Clerk	1.25	50.00
Janitor	1.35	54.00

Section 7. Public Library

Librarian	58.38
Asst. Librarian	47.90

Section 10. Fire Department

	Hourly Rate	
	Min.	Max.
Extra or part time work .....	.75	1.10

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Sixty-one Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-six Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents (\$61,676.98) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Clerical	\$ 1,286.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,500.00
Town Accountant's Salary	4,875.00
Town Accountant's Clerical	651.68
Town Accountant's Expense	600.00†
Treasurer's Salary	2,500.00
Treasurer's Clerical	975.00
Treasurer's Expense	650.00
Collector's Salary	4,390.00‡
Collector's Clerical	5,955.00
Collector's Expense	2,100.00
Assessors' Salaries	3,849.00*
Assessors' Clerical	5,841.00
Assessors' Expense	2,715.00
Town Counsel's Salary	2,500.00
Town Counsel's Expense	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,672.50‡
Town Clerk's Clerical	2,948.00
Town Clerk's Expense	700.00
Registrars' Salaries	500.00
Registrars' Expense	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expense	3,500.00
Board of Appeal Expense	350.00
Capital Exp. Planning Com. Exp.	300.00
Planning Board Expense	700.00
Finance Committee Expense	100.00
Personnel Board Expense	50.00
Municipal Building Janitor	3,168.80
Municipal Building Maintenance	3,800.00
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	\$61,676.98

† Including travel outside the State.

‡ Fees to Town Treasury.

* Chairman	\$1,924.00
Secretary	1,100.00
Other Member	825.00

\$3,849.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-six Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$250,986.41) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Department Salaries	\$ 89,855.05
Police Department Pensions	9,838.36
Police Department Maintenance	10,895.00†
Police Station Maintenance	2,700.00
Fire Department Salaries	73,911.80
Fire Department Callmen Salaries	5,700.00
Fire Department Pensions	1,375.00
Fire Department Maintenance	9,395.00†
Fire Station Maintenance	3,000.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	3,000.00
Fire Alarm Extension	1,600.00
Moth and Tree Dept. Salaries	18,491.20
Moth and Tree Dept. Maintenance	5,740.00
Hydrant Rentals	6,150.00
•Drinking Fountains	100.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary	3,750.00
Inspector of Buildings Expense	455.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	700.00
Inspector of Wires Expense	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	650.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense	250.00
Dog Officer's Salary	375.00
Dog Officer's Expense	400.00
Game Warden's Salary	105.00
Traffic Control	2,200.00
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	\$250,986.41

Article 4. On motion of Charles R. Baisley it was voted that the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Twenty-six (\$22,026) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,446.00
Board of Health Expense	1,000.00
Health Officer's Salary	600.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	1,330.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	400.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	350.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense	50.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	4,000.00
Premature Babies	1,000.00
Garbage Collection	9,000.00
Dental Clinic	2,850.00
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	\$ 22,026.00

Article 4. On motion of Newell H. Morton it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Ten (\$201,010.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Charity and Aid as follows:

Welfare General Aid Administrative Salaries	\$ 5,080.00
Welfare General Aid Administrative Expense	760.00
Welfare General Aid	24,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	16,500.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative	6,900.00
Old Age Assistance	132,000.00
Disability Assistance Administrative	1,570.00
Disability Assistance	11,200.00
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	\$201,010.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$15,559.40) be raised and appropriated for Veterans Benefits as follows:

Administrative Salaries	\$ 1,859.40
Administrative Expense	700.00
Aid	13,000.00
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	\$ 15,559.40

Article 4. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred One and 17/100 (\$726,501.17) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows:

General Salaries	\$584,805.47
General Maintenance	105,695.70
Vocational Tuition	3,000.00
Transportation	25,000.00
Athletics	4,500.00
Cafeterias	3,500.00
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	\$726,501.17

Article 4. On motion of Sydney M. Hodson it was voted that the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and 38/100 (\$19,800.38) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Public Library as follows:

Salaries	\$ 12,746.38
Maintenance	7,054.00
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	\$ 19,800.38

Article 4. On motion of M. Russell Meikle it was voted that the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred (\$23,500.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside the State; Twenty-one Thousand (\$21,000.) Dollars for salaries and Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500.) Dollars for expenses.

Article 4. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred Forty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-six and Twelve One Hundredths (\$447,936.12) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Salaries for Administration	\$ 8,700.00
Expenses for Administration	1,600.00
Salaries for Construction and Maintenance of Highways	54,000.00
Expenses for Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, setting curbs, purchase or otherwise ac- quiring land for sand and gravel purposes, purchase of materials, tools and equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	35,500.00
Salaries for Removal of Snow and Ice	14,500.00
Expenses for Removal of Snow and Ice	15,500.00
Salaries for Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks	13,300.00
Expenses for Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks	6,200.00
Salaries for Construction of Storm Drains	16,000.00
Expenses for Construction of Storm Drains	19,000.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Storm Drains	7,500.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Storm Drains	4,500.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Dumps	5,100.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Dumps	200.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Park Department and Com- mons and Supervised Play	13,600.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Park Department and Com- mons and Supervised Play	5,900.00
Salaries for Maintenance and Operation of Sewer System	6,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance and Operation of Sewer System and Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds including travel outside the State	4,000.00
Salaries for the Extension of the Sewer System	19,000.00
Expenses for the Extension of the Sewer System	21,000.00
Salaries for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	5,700.00
Expenses for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	3,300.00
Salaries for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works	60,000.00
of which amount the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars shall be transferred from Water Avail- able Surplus and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.	
Expenses for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works including travel outside the State	46,017.50
Expenses for the Payment of Water Bonds and Interest	27,582.50
Salaries for Engineering Division	23,900.00
Expenses for Engineering Division	1,800.00
Public Works Pensions	8,536.32
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	\$447,936.32

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$27,773.60) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Eighteen Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars \$(1,857.00) be raised and appropriated for MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE to be expended under the direction of Post 62 American Legion and Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.) be raised and appropriated for the settlement of DAMAGE CLAIM against the Town.

Article 4. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplies to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils, and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including payments of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164, Section 57 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of \$17,000.00 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the amount of 2½% of the primary cost of plant and General Equipment as of December 31st of the preceding year plus 10% of the net profit for the preceding year as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, such amount shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be raised and appropriated for the CARE and LIGHTING OF OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fourteen Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$1430.80) be raised and appropriated for printing the Town Report for the year 1953.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street List for the year 1954, such sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of the Parking Area.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for recording instruments in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

Article 4. On motion of Donald C. Mitchell it was voted that the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$38,568.20) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund	\$ 36,643.00
Expense Fund	1,350.00
Military Service Fund	575.00
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	\$ 38,568.20

Article 4. On motion of Carl H. Amon, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the following sum in the amount of \$174,000. One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Light and Water.

Sewer	\$ 24,000.00
School	140,000.00
Library	10,000.00
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	\$174,000.00

Article 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Fifty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$56,962.50) be raised and appropriated for INTEREST, not including Water, Light and Sewer.

School	\$ 54,962.50
Library	750.00
Ant. of Revenue — (Should be added to Unclassified)	1,250.00
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	\$ 56,962.50

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 4 on the table.

Article 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44 of General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Sections 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000.) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90 of the General Laws; and that the further sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90 of the General Laws of a portion of Charles Street from a point near Wakefield Street Northeasterly toward Haverhill Street, provided however, that such sums received as reimbursement from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 8. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1953 Ford Police Cruising car, and that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department.

Article 9. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1953 Ford Police Cruising car, and that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-three Hundred Fifty (\$2350.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new police cruising car to be equipped with a two-way radio.

Article 11. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police Department.

Article 12. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Fifty (\$550.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Fire Department.

Article 13. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Twenty-five (\$525.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for a new two-way radio to be installed on one of the Fire Department trucks.

Article 14. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the gift from G. Lawrence Roberts of a portable gasoline driven electric

generator now being used by the Fire Department be and the same hereby is accepted.

Article 15. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Thirty-two Hundred (\$3200.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the use of a helicopter in spraying the trees by the Tree and Moth Department.

Article 16. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the further development and maintenance of the Town Forest.

Article 17. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 18. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and in behalf of the Town to convey or abandon upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the easement consisting of the right of way for foot travel and for sewer purposes through land formerly of Emma I. Chamberlain, now of Howard S. Cosgrove and land of the heirs or devisees of Aaron Levin, and being a strip of land approximately eight feet in width running in general westerly direction from Main Street to Municipal Parking Area, and to substitute for such abandoned easement a new easement for foot travel and sewer purposes being a strip of land approximately six (6) feet in width and extending in Westerly direction from Main Street to the Municipal Parking Area and to be located Northerly of the present easement area and the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of the Town such conveyance and abandonment of such easements together with such other instruments and agreements which may be necessary in connection therewith.

163 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

Article 19. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Forty (\$40.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the payment of an unpaid bill incurred by the Town in the year 1953 due Dr. Thomas F. Halpin.

170 Voted in the affirmative.

0 Voted in the negative.

Article 20. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that the By-laws for the Construction of Buildings be and the same hereby are amended by striking out Section 3 and 4 of Division 15 thereof.

Article 21. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that Article 21 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 38.

Article 38. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that the subject matter of Article 38 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in the Junior High School on Monday, March 22, 1954 at 8 P.M.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

175 Precinct members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Junior High School

March 22, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8 P.M.

The new town meeting members were requested to stand and be sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

On motion of Lawrence A. Cate it was voted to take up Article 40.

Article 40. Lawrence A. Cate moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of (\$700.00) Seven Hundred Dollars for printing and publishing the list of real estate valuations as of January 1, 1954, such list to be prepared by the Board of Assessors under whose direction such sum is to be expended. The publication is to be sold at Seventy Cents (70c) a copy.

This motion was lost.

64 voted in the affirmative.

82 voted in the negative.

On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that Article 2 be taken from the table.

Article 2. The following report was read by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.:

Report of the Board of Public Works on Progress of Sanitary Sewer and Sewage Pumping Station Construction

Funds voted under Article 29, Adjourned Annual Town Meeting March 23, 1953.

The firm of Whitman and Howard, Inc. was retained by the Board to perform Engineering Services in connection with the proposed sewers and Sewage Pumping Station.

On July 21, 1953 a contract for the construction of sewers and force main was signed with the Bagarella Construction Company. Work on this contract is now about 60 per cent complete. All work west of Lowell Street with the exception of the tunnel under the Boston and Main Railroad has been completed. About 30 per cent of the work east of Lowell Street has been completed.

On January 4, 1954, a contract was signed with Ralph W. Hall, Inc. for the furnishing and installation of pumping equipment for the new Sewage Pumping Station and on January 13, 1954 a contract was signed with Sawyer Associates for the construction of the structure itself. Work on the structure is about 30 per cent complete. All foundations have been poured, and work on the superstructure is expected to proceed at a rapid pace. No equipment has as yet been installed, due to the degree of completion of the building, but orders for the equipment have been placed.

Unless some unusual unforeseen circumstance arises the work under both contracts should be completed by July 1954, and the total cost should be well within the \$215,000. appropriation voted by the Town Meeting.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.,

Chairman

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Article 2. The following report was read by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.:

**Report of the Board of Public Works on Progress
of Access Roads and Water Main Construction**

Funds voted under Articles 30 and 31, Adjourned Annual Town Meetings of March 23 and 30, 1953.

The firm of Whitman and Howard was retained to perform Engineering services in connection with the proposed Access Roads and Water Main.

In June 1953, to facilitate construction of the new high school a contract was signed with the Lawrence Sand and Gravel Co., for the removal of ledge in trenches. This work is now complete, and the final contract sum was \$11,075.

On October 6, 1953 a contract was signed with O. Menici and Sons for the construction of access roads and water mains to the new high school. This contract is now about 40 per cent complete. Heavy excavation is practically completed, and rough grading has been done. A substantial part of the drainage has been completed, and some of the water main has been installed.

Unless some unusual unforeseen circumstance arises, the work under the access road contract should be completed by July 1954, and the total cost should be well within the \$160,000. appropriation voted by the Town Meeting.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.,

Chairman

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be laid on the table.

Article 23. Philip R. White moved that the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand (\$210,000.) Dollars be raised and appropriated by transferring the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-six and 18/100 (\$103,936.18) Dollars of said sum from the Surplus Revenue and the remaining sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Sixty-three and 82/100 (\$106,063.82) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand (\$210,000.) Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of completing the construction of the high school building now being erected on land owned by the Town situated in Birch Meadow and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.) Dollars voted under Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 19, 1951, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

This motion was not voted.

Article 23. (Amended) On motion of Carl H. Amon, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Sixty-four Thousand and Sixty-nine and 48/100 (\$164,069.48) Dollars be raised and appropriated by transferring the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Sixty-nine and 48/100 (\$104,069.48) Dollars of said sum from the Surplus Revenue and the remaining sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of One Hundred Sixty-four Thousand Sixty-nine and 48/100 (\$164,069.48) Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of completing the construction of the high school building now being erected on land owned by the Town situated in Birch Meadow and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation of \$2,400,000.00 voted under Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 19, 1951, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to take up Article 27.

Richard Jackson moved that the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of the football field and track located on land adjacent to the new senior high school which football field is shown on plan entitled "Property Line Map, Senior High School, Reading, Mass.," dated January, 1954, which plan is on file in the Town Clerk's office in the Town of Reading, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.) Dollars voted under Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 19, 1951.

This motion was not voted.

Article 27. Philip R. White moved that the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Surplus Revenue Account for the construction of the football field and track located on land adjacent to the new senior high school which football field is shown on plan entitled "Property Line Map, Senior

High School, Reading, Mass.," dated January, 1954, which plan is on file in the Town Clerk's office in the Town of Reading, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.) Dollars voted under Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 19, 1951, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

This motion was not voted.

On motion of William J. Richmond it was voted that Article 27 be laid on the table.

On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that Article 3 be taken from the table.

Article 3. Philip R. White moved that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee composed of ten members for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the future development of the Birch Meadow area relating to school athletic facilities, public playground areas, public utilities, access roads, parking areas, swimming pool and other related matters; such committee to consist of one member from the School Committee, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Finance Committee, one from the Capital Budgeting Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintendent of the Board of Public Works and four Town Meeting Members at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one from each Precinct, such committee to report at a Special Town Meeting to be held not later than June 1, 1954.

This motion was not voted.

Article 3. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that there be and hereby is established a special committee composed of eight members for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the future development of the Birch Meadow area relating to school athletic facilities, public playground areas, public utilities, access roads, parking areas, swimming pool and other related matters; such committee to consist of one member from the School Committee, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Finance Committee, one from the Capital Budgeting Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, and four Town Meeting Members at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one from each precinct, such Committee to report at a subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than the Annual Town Meeting of March 1955.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in the Junior High School on Monday, March 29, 1954, after the adjournment of the Special Town Meeting held on that evening.

Adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

170 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART,

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Shepardson Hall, Junior High School

March 29, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P.M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the constable's return which was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch:

Final Report and Recommendation of the Planning Board

On petition of a number of citizens of the town an article was placed in the warrant for the town meeting to be held on March 29, 1954 in which it was proposed to amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading by increasing the minimum lot sizes and minimum lot frontage requirements for Residence A2 Districts. Under the proposal minimum lot areas would be increased from the present fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet to twenty-thousand (20,000) square feet and minimum front lot line measurements from one hundred (100) feet to one hundred twenty (120) feet. In the present by-law a provision for a lesser frontage was made for lots located on curved roads and circles, but no reference to this provision was made in the proposed amendment. It is intended to offer an amendment at the town meeting on this matter.

The Resident A2 Districts, restricted to single family dwellings, comprise approximately 45% of the total area of the town, or 2,800 to 3,000 acres. These districts are located in two disconnected areas in the northerly, westerly and southwesterly parts of the town and are generally outside of the gravity sewer district as it now exists and to a great extent, would require private sewage disposal systems. They are similar in character and at present contain a certain number of residences or recorded lots. The area includes many relatively large tracts under separate ownership.

The present population of the town is estimated to be in the vicinity of 15,000 and steadily increasing. Assuming the continuation of the policy of single residence zoning restrictions, it is believed that the ultimate saturation point for construction of dwellings would occur should the population figure reach 30,000.

It is evident that the land available and suitable for high grade development is rapidly becoming scarce. Two areas of land designated as Residence A3 Districts are zoned for minimums of 40,000 square feet for lot sizes and 200 foot lot frontages. This land, in the outlying section of the town, is generally considered to be marginal or swampy in character and not adaptable to good development and is mentioned only for the purposes of comparison. There are approximately 1,000 acres in the Residence A3 Districts.

A town is expressly empowered by statute to adopt zoning by-laws for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, morals

and welfare of its inhabitants and to regulate the size and width of lots.

An examination of the zoning by-laws of towns of a residential character similar to that of Reading discloses that lot sizes and frontages are frequently fixed at minimums equal to or greater than those currently proposed for the Town of Reading. Growth patterns in these towns have been studied in relation to population density and property values.

A public hearing was held on March 11, 1954, after due notice published in the Reading Chronicle dated March 4, 1954 on the proposed amendments.

The scope of this hearing was broadened to include the articles considered at a previous hearing held on February 24, 1954 and notice of which was published in the Reading Chronicle on the three preceding weeks. At the second hearing the original articles were reviewed in consideration of the typographical error contained in the earlier notice and warrant. This report takes cognizance of evidence offered at both hearings.

Many opinions were expressed at these hearings including those of owners of parcels of land in the areas affected, real estate operators and land developers, the majority of whom registered objections principally to the increase in lot sizes.

Proponents of the amendments contended that development of the areas on a mass production basis, as indicated by activities in neighboring communities, would result in an economic loss to the town which is already faced with a rapidly rising tax rate due to the construction of a new high school, a new elementary school and other facilities made necessary by the rapid growth of the town during the last decade. It was further contended that the type of residential construction generally associated with the smaller lot sizes failed to produce taxes equal to the cost to the town for services furnished.

With reference to articles proposing amendments to the Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map relative to Industrial Districts the following information is submitted. The tracts of land involved are all located in the southeasterly portion of the town and border on the Wakefield town line.

Under the proposal the present Industrial Districts are re-designated as Industrial A Districts principally to distinguish the same from the proposed new Industrial B Districts. However, any new occupation or use in an Industrial A District would be subject to approval by the Board of Appeal after a hearing.

An area proposed for inclusion in an Industrial B District lies northeasterly of John Street and northwesterly of the Wakefield town line and contains about 47 acres, most of which are owned by the town including the town dump. With the exception of the structures used by the tree warden and moth department and a small shack used by the dump caretaker, there are no buildings on the tract.

Industrial B Districts would be restricted to a specified list of uses subject to approval by the Board of Appeal after a hearing and, as is now true of the present Industrial Districts, any use for dwelling purposes would be prohibited.

Article 5 presents a proposal to re-zone an area in the southern part of the town near the Stoneham town line bounded roughly by Main, South and Curtis Streets and by Route 128, but excluding the several lots bordering on the southerly side of South Street and the easterly side of Curtis Street, so that the area, now lying partly in a Residence A1 District and partly in a Residence A2 District, would become a part of the adjacent Business C District. The area contains approximately 20 acres and consists of several parcels of land under separate ownership.

A public hearing was held on the matter on March 18, 1954, notice of which was sent to the several abutters and neighbors and published in the Reading Chronicle issued March 11, 1954. The hearing was well attended by residents of the district who, with but few exceptions, registered approval of the proposed re-zoning.

Conclusions

From extensive research, consultation with authorities on the subject and a careful consideration of the facts and opinions presented at the hearings and a review of the history of zoning in the town, the board has formed the following conclusions:

The proposed increase in minimum lot area and frontage requirements would have the following beneficial results. Its adoption would—

Tend to retard the too rapid residential growth in the outlying sections of the town and correspondingly reduce the demand for utilities and services which can be furnished only at a cost relatively higher than for similar services for the area nearer to the center of the town.

Encourage the prior development of lots in the Residence A1 Districts located in the central part of the town where the various utilities are now in existence and available without requiring large capital expenditures.

Furnish lots of a size and proportion to attract new residents seeking the privacy, freedom from congested streets and other obvious advantages afforded by such larger sized lots.

Reduce the possibility of unsanitary conditions resulting from private sewage systems frequently found where lots are small and soil conditions unsuitable.

Afford protection to the owners of large tracts who do not wish to liquidate their investment in a competitive market created by speculative developers.

The proposal to re-designate the present Industrial District as Industrial A and establish a new Industrial B District is unnecessary at the present time as the general characteristics are similar for both the present Industrial areas and that which is proposed for re-zoning for industry. The conclusions contained in the report of the Industrial Development Committee tend to confirm this viewpoint. The suggestion submitted by that committee relative to reduction in the maximum area to be occupied by a building from 85% to 60% of the lot is considered a desirable one, particularly when combined with the proposal to establish fifty-foot set-back and twenty-foot side and rear yard provisions.

A suggestion to amend the use regulations for the district to reflect a permissive rather than prohibitive attitude is also viewed with favor and a list of representative industries is being proposed by this board as a guide to prospective occupants. This would eliminate the necessity for a permit from the Board of Appeal with the accompanying costly and irritating delays.

The proposal to extend the Business C. District to include the area described in Article 5 is believed to be a desirable one. It is the considered opinion of this board that the area is best suited to business purposes in contrast to the type of residential development which might reasonably be expected to occur adjacent to a heavily traveled express highway, such as Route 128.

The Planning Board makes the following unanimous recommendations:

Under Article 2: That the amendments contained in this article relative to the increase in minimum lot size and minimum lot frontage requirements be adopted with a further amendment to provide a reasonable reduction in frontage requirements for those lots in Residence A2 Districts located on curved streets and circles.

That no distinction be made between the areas now zoned for industry and the additional new tract which is under consideration for re-zoning for such purposes.

That action under Article 3 be indefinitely postponed for the reasons set forth above.

That the proposals amending the Use Regulations and Area Regulations for the Industrial Districts be adopted with the further amendment that the end of the list of permitted uses there be added the phrase "or any use of a similar character" and that the provision for lot coverage be further amended to include a reference to accessory buildings.

That the proposal under Article 4 relative to the area easterly of John Street and including the town dump be adopted and that the said area be rezoned as an Industrial District.

That the proposal under Article 5 that the Business C District be extended to include the area roughly bounded by Main, South and Curtis Streets and Route 128 be adopted.

Reading Planning Board

(Signed) A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman
BENJ. M. HARTSHORN, Secretary
ROBERT G. CLINCH
A. ERNEST CORINDIA
CHARLES WILSON

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 5.

Article 5. A. Lloyd David moved that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended by extending the

Business C district to include the following described area, now zoned partly as a Residence A1 district and partly as a Residence A2 district.

Beginning at the point in the center line of South Street at the present boundary line of the Business C district two hundred (200) feet distant in a westerly direction from the center line of Main Street; thence running in a westerly direction along the center line of South street a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet thence running in a southerly direction a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet; thence in a westerly direction parallel with and one hundred fifty (150) feet distant from the center line of South Street a distance of 1105 feet; thence in a southerly direction a distance of three hundred thirty (330) feet; thence in a westerly direction a distance of three hundred fifty (350) feet to a point two hundred twenty (220) feet distant from the center line of Curtis Street; thence in a southerly direction by a line running parallel to the said center line of Curtis Street a distance of approximately five hundred eighty (580) feet to the boundary line of property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Route 128; thence in an easterly direction by said boundary line to the present Business C district; thence in a northerly direction by the boundary line of said Business C district to the point of beginning, so that the said area shall be re-zoned and become a part of the Business C district.

This motion was superseded by the following substitute motion.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to amend Mr. David's motion by striking out the description as appearing therein and substituting in place thereof the following description:

Beginning at Point A described as being on the center line of South Street and 200 feet Westerly of the center line of Main Street hereinbefore referred to being the terminating description of the now existing business zone (C) and continuing in Westerly direction of said center line of South Street, a distance of 148 feet more or less to a point;

Thence running in a Southerly direction one rod 16½ feet more or less to a point on the Southerly side line of South Street and on the property division line of lands of Jacob N. and Grace Zeytoonian and Louis and Mary F. Breugelman;

Thence continuing in a Southerly direction along said property division line of land of Jacob N. and Grace Zeytoonian and Louis and Mary F. Breugelman, a distance of 125 feet to a point;

Thence in a Westerly direction along the property division line of said Zeytoonian and Breugelman, Zeytoonian and Robert and Barbara Laetsch, Zeytoonian and Robert George and Isabella M. Lipsett, a distance of 321 feet to a point, described as being on the Easterly side line of Englund Road, private way:

Thence continuing in a slightly Northwesterly direction, a distance of 40½ feet more or less across said Englund Road to a point described as being on the Westerly side of Englund Road and on the property division line of Jacob N. and Grace Zeytoonian and Francis X. and Barbara A. Jones;

Thence continuing in a Westerly direction along said property division line, a distance of 90.92 feet to a point described as being on

the property division line of land of Jacob N. and Grace Zeytoonian, Francis X. and Barbara A. Jones and Charles N. and Evelyn C. Chase;

Thence turning and running in a Southerly direction along the property division line of said Zeytoonian and Chase, a distance of 237.41 feet to a point described as being on the property division line of land of Jacob N. and Grace Zeytoonian, Charles N. and Evelyn C. Chase and Carl E. Englund;

Thence turning and running in a Westerly direction along the property division line of land of Carl E. Englund and Charles N. and Evelyn C. Chase, Carl E. Englund and Carl R. and Ethel E. Carlson and Carl E. Englund and Roland J. and Mary A. Sturge to a point described as being on the property division line of lands of Roland J. and Mary A. Sturge, Albert M. and Ethel E. Duarte and Margaret Masella and Ruth Shirley Larson;

Thence turning and running in a Northerly direction along the property division line of lands of said Sturge and Duarte to a point described as being a point on the property division line of lands of said Sturge and Duarte and Harold M. Lindquist;

Thence turning and running in a Westerly direction along the property division line of lands of said Lindquist and Duarte to a point;

Thence turning and running in a Northerly direction along the property division line of said Lindquist and Duarte, a distance of 11.92 feet to a point described as being on the property division line of lands of said Lindquist, Duarte and Alfred R. and Leona G. Barboza;

Thence turning and running in a Westerly direction along the property division line of said Barboza and Duarte, a distance of 85 feet;

Thence continuing along the same line through the land of Duarte, a distance of 9.02 feet to a point described as being on the property division line of said Barboza, Larson and Duarte;

Thence turning and running in a Northwesterly direction, a distance of 41½ feet more or less through the lands of Larson to a point described as being on the property division line of said Duarte, Larson and Maurice Lovett Campbell;

Thence turning and running in a Westerly direction along said property division line of said Duarte and Campbell, a distance of 77.18 feet and continuing along the same line through land of Duarte, a distance of 70 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running in a Southerly direction through land of Duarte, a distance of 331 feet more or less to a point;

Thence turning and running in a Westerly direction through land of Duarte, a distance of 120 feet more or less to a point described as being on the property division line of lands of Duarte and Charles E. and Helga H. Day;

Thence continuing along said property division line, a distance of 220 feet more or less to a point described as being on the property division line of lands of said Duarte, Day and Charles E. and Carolyn M. MacInnis and a distance of 220 feet, Easterly of the center line of Curtis Street;

Thence turning and running in a Southerly direction along the line parallel to and 220 feet Easterly from the center line of said Curtis

Street through lands of Duarte, Donat J. and Josephine A. Roy, John R., Jr. and Janet M. Tebbetts and Pinecroft Development Trust, George J. Farpelha, Trustee, a distance of 532 feet more or less to a point described as being on the Northerly side line of the State Highway Route 128;

Thence turning and running in an Easterly direction along the Northerly side line of said State Highway, a distance of 1312 feet more or less to a point;

Thence turning and running in a Northerly direction 14.21 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running in an Easterly direction, a distance of 40.49 feet;

Thence turning and running a distance of 580 feet more or less;

All distances and directions herein describing the Northerly side line of the State Highway Route 128 and the Northwesterly side line of its Northwesterly approach to a point described as being on the Northwesterly side line of the Northwesterly approach to Route 128 and 200 feet Westerly from the center line of Main Street;

Thence turning and running Northerly along line described as being 200 feet Westerly and parallel to the center line of Main Street to the point of beginning.

148 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted to take up Article 10.

Article 10. A. Lloyd David (for George E. MacIntosh) moved, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. for the purpose of employing qualified municipal zoning consulting engineers to review the present zoning by-laws of the town of Reading, and, report the results thereof to a special zoning committee who are to be appointed by the selectmen for the purpose of selecting qualified engineers for such review, and to report their recommendations at the March 1955 annual town meeting.

This motion was lost.

Article 2. Robert G. Clinch moved, that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

Amend paragraph 2 of Section V by striking out said paragraph and substituting a new paragraph as follows:

"2. In Residence A2 districts no principal building shall be erected unless there be provided for each such building a lot area of not less than 20,000 square feet."

Amend paragraph 2 of Section VI by striking out said paragraph and substituting a new paragraph as follows:

"2. In Residence A2 districts no lot shall have a frontage of less than one hundred and twenty (120) feet on the frontage street.

This motion was superseded by the following substitute motion.

Article 2. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

Amend paragraph 2 of Section V by striking out said paragraph and substituting a new paragraph as follows:

"2. In Residence A2 districts no principal building shall be erected unless there be provided for each such building a lot area of not less than 20,000 square feet."

Amend paragraph 2 of Section VI by striking out said paragraph and substituting a new paragraph as follows:

"2. In Residence A2 districts no lot shall have a frontage of less than one hundred and twenty (120) feet on the frontage street except that a lot located on a curved street or circle may have a frontage of not less than eighty (80) feet entirely on the circle or curve of such street provided that such lot shall have a width of not less than one hundred and twenty (120) feet measured at the legal set-back line and parallel to the front lot line and further provided that the said circle or curve shall have a radius of not less than fifty (50) feet and not more than two hundred (200) feet."

129 voted in the affirmative.

22 voted in the negative.

Article 2. A. Lloyd David, moved that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

Amend Section XIII by striking out said section and substituting a new section as follows:

"Section XIII. Use Regulations in Industrial Districts.

1. In an Industrial district no new building shall be erected or used for dwelling purposes and no existing building shall be altered, enlarged or extended for such purposes.
2. In an Industrial district no new building shall be erected and no existing building shall be altered, and no land shall be used, except for the following purposes:
 - a. Any use, business or commercial, which is permitted in any Business district.
 - b. Any use approved by the Board of Appeal after a public hearing.
 - c. Any of the following uses:

Bottling works, carpenter or cabinet making shop, carting, express or forwarding yard, cold storage plant, commercial greenhouse, laundry, monument works, wholesale storage and warehouse;

Plants for the manufacture of: artificial ice including dry ice, bakery products, beverages, dairy products including ice cream, electric power, plastics products or steam for heating or power;

Storage facilities for: bottled gas, building materials, coal, coke, wood or fuel oil;

Electronics, research, experimental and testing laboratories and manufacturing which is incidental to such laboratories or any use of a character similar to any of the above uses.

- d. Any accessory use, including vehicular parking, open or enclosed, when shielded from view from abutting streets, tracts or lots by appropriate landscaping which shall be maintained in good condition."

Amend Section XIV by striking out said Section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"Section XIV. Area Regulations in Industrial Districts. In an Industrial district no new building shall be erected and no existing building shall be enlarged so that it covers more than sixty (60) per cent of the lot on which it stands.

Amend Section XVI by striking out said Section and substituting in place thereof the following new Section:

"Section XVI. Yard Regulations in Industrial Districts. In an Industrial district no part of a building shall extend nearer to the street line on the frontage street than fifty (50) feet, nor nearer to any other street line or lot line than twenty (20) feet."

This motion was superseded by the following substitute motion.

Article 2. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

Amend Section XIII by striking out said section and substituting a new section as follows:.

"Section XIII. Use Regulations in Industrial Districts.

1. In an Industrial District no new building shall be erected or used for dwelling purposes and no existing building shall be altered, enlarged or extended for such purposes.

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- a. Any use, business or commercial, which is permitted in any Business District.

- b. Any use approved by the Board of Appeal after a public hearing.

- c. Any of the following uses:

Bottling works, carpenter or cabinet making shop, carting, express or forwarding yard, cold storage plant, commercial greenhouse, laundry, monument works, wholesale storage and warehouse;

Plants for the manufacture of: artificial ice including dry ice, bakery products, beverages, dairy products including ice cream, electric power, plastics products or steam for heating or power;

Storage facilities for: bottled gas, building materials, coal, coke, wood or fuel oil;

Electronics, research, experimental and testing laboratories and manufacturing which is incidental to such laboratories or any use of a character similar to any of the above uses.

- d. Any accessory use, including vehicular parking, open or enclosed, when shielded from view from abutting streets, tracts or lots by appropriate landscaping which shall be maintained in good condition."

Amend Section XIV by striking out said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"Section XIV. Area Regulations in Industrial Districts.

In an Industrial District no new building shall be erected and no existing building shall be enlarged so that, together with accessory buildings, it covers more than sixty (60) per cent of the lot on which it stands."

Amend Section XVI by striking out said section and substituting in place thereof the following new section:

"Section XVI. Yard Regulations in Industrial Districts.

In an Industrial District no part of a building shall extend nearer to the street line on the frontage street than fifty (50) feet, nor nearer to any other street line or lot line than twenty (20) feet."

138 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

Article 3. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended by changing the following described area, now zoned as apart of a Residence A1 district:

Beginning at a point where the center line of John Street intersects the town boundary line between the towns of Reading and Wakefield; thence in northeasterly direction by said town boundary line for a distance of two thousand and forty (2040) feet; thence in a northwesterly direction by two courses a distance of six hundred and ninety-two (692) feet; thence in a southwesterly direction by two courses a distance of four hundred and ninety-three (493) feet; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of three hundred and eighty-four (384) feet; thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of two hundred and eighty (280) feet; thence in a southerly direction a distance of three hundred and ninety-nine (399) feet; thence in a westerly direction a distance of six hundred and eighty (680) feet; thence in a westerly direction by two courses a distance of three hundred and fourteen (314) feet to the center line of John Street; thence in a southeasterly direction by said center line of John Street to the point of beginning, so that the said area shall be re-zoned and become a part of the Industrial District.

133 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

Article 6. On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that the Board of Health be and they hereby are authorized to make a contract for and in behalf of the Town for the collection and disposal of its garbage for the term of three years and upon such further terms and conditions as they may determine.

Article 7. The following report was read by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE ALTERATION AND RELOCATION OF A PORTION OF WEST STREET

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highway be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present, who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as a public highway for the use of the Town, portions of the Easterly and Westerly sidelines of West Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highway as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

The Westerly side line of West Street as herein laid out, relocated or altered begins at a drill hole in a stone bound located in said Westerly side line of West Street at its intersection with a curved line marking the junction of said Westerly side line of West Street with the Southerly side line of a public town way known as Winslow Road:

Thence N. $22^{\circ}-01'-50''$ W., by the Easterly terminus of said Winslow Road and by lands of William T. Maxwell, Jr. and Shirley A. Maxwell, a distance of 180.10 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. $20^{\circ}-18'-09''$ W., by lands of Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a distance of 111.24 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. $16^{\circ}-24'-25''$ W., still by and through lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., through lands of Anthony W. Cunningham and Marion Cunningham, and again through lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a distance of 416.71 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northwesterly direction, having a radius of 1,000.00 feet, still through lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a length of 116.50 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $25^{\circ}-18'-40''$ W., a distance of 255.69 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a Northeasterly direction, having a radius of 345.00 feet, a length of 165.21 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $2^{\circ}-07'-35''$ E., a distance of 495.07 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northwesterly direction, having a radius of 300.00 feet, a length of 182.13 feet to a point of reverse curve; the last four described courses being through or by lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc.

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a Northwesterly direction, still by lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., by lands of James M. Johnson and Laura I. Johnson, and by lands of Ralph C. Goodwin and Mary E. Goodwin a length of 76.71 feet to a point, said point being the most Northerly terminus of the Westerly side line of West Street as herein laid out, relocated or altered.

The Easterly side line of West Street as herein laid out, relocated or altered begins at a County Stone Bound set at the intersection of the Easterly side line of West Street with the Southerly side line of Summer Avenue, a public town way in said Reading;

Thence S. 15° - $21'05''$ W., by other lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a distance of 17.64 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Southwesterly direction, having a radius of 1200.00 feet, still through and by lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a length of 276.98 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 2° - $07'35''$ W., still by land of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., a distance of 315.76 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Southeasterly direction, having a radius of 300.00 feet, a length of 143.66 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 25° - $18'40''$ E., a distance of 255.69 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a Southeasterly direction, having a radius of 1045.0 feet, a length of 117.02 feet to a point of tangent; the last three described lines being by or through lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc.

Thence S. 18° - $38'10''$ E., still through and by lands of said Realty Construction of New England, Inc., and by lands of Robert A. McCarron and Jeanne M. McCarron, by a public town way known as Palmer Hill Avenue, by lands of William S. Staples and Joan Staples, and by lands of Wheeler F. Blake and Blanche W. Blake, a distance of 417.59 feet to a point; said point being the most Southerly terminus of the Easterly side line of West Street as herein laid out, relocated or altered.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration and Relocation of a Portion of West Street, Reading, Mass., Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt.," dated December 1953, said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

(signed) Harry R. Walker, Chairman
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.
Kenneth R. Johnson
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 7. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or altering of the location lines of a portion of West Street between Winslow Road and Longwood Road on the westerly side and between King Street and Summer Avenue on the easterly side and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Article 8. The following report was read by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE RELOCATION OR ALTERATION OF THE NORTH EASTERLY CORNER OF SOUTH STREET AND CURTIS STREET

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the North-Easterly corner of South Street and Curtis Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound set at the point of intersection of the Easterly line of Curtis Street with the Northerly line of South Street;

Thence S. $80^{\circ}-28'-30''$ E., along said Northerly side line of South Street, a distance of 42.94 feet to a stake:

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northwesterly direction, having a radius of 60.0 feet, by lands of Anthony Liberatore and Rose Liberatore, a length of 74.58 feet to a Stake set at a point on said Easterly side line of Curtis Street;

Thence S. $9^{\circ}-17'-30''$ E., along said Easterly side line of Curtis Street, a distance of 42.94 feet to the stone bound at the point of beginning of this description.

The approximate area taken is three hundred thirty-nine (339.0) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration and Relocation of the North-Easterly Corner of South Street and Curtis Street, Reading, Mass.", dated December, 1953, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways

shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said Plan.

(signed) Harry R. Walker, Chairman
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.
Kenneth R. Johnson
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 9. The following report was read by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE RELOCATION OR
ALTERATION OF A PORTION OF SOUTH STREET**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highway be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present, who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as a public highway for the use of the Town, a portion of the Easterly and Westerly sidelines of South Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highway as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point in the South-Easterly side line of West Street, a public town way in said Reading, said point being S. 52°-46'-41" W., a distance of 303.57 feet measured along said South-Easterly side line of West Street from a County Stone Bound;

Thence by a curved line running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 50.0 feet, through lands of Edward E. Randall and Alice M. Randall a length of 51.32 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 6°-02'-04" E., still through lands of said Edward E. Randall, et ux, a distance of 717.59 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 1977.50 feet still by lands of said Edward E. Randall et ux, a length of 117.25 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 9°-25'-54" E., still by lands of said Edward E. Randall et ux, and by lands of Leo B. MacDonald and Jessie M. MacDonald, and lands of Frank V. McDermott and Mary E. McDermott, a distance of 659.27 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Easterly direction, having a radius of 34.75 feet, still by lands of said Frank V. McDermott et ux, and by lands of Cecil H. Steen and Ellen C. Steen, a length of 40.33 feet to a point;

Thence S. 14°-03'-56" W., across said public town way known as South Street, a distance of 40.0 feet to a Town Bound situated at an angle in the boundary line between the Town of Reading and the City of Woburn;

Thence by a curved line running in a North-Westerly direction having a radius of 79.75 feet, by lands of Lillious C. Pierce, and through lands of Massachusetts Builders, Incorporated, a length of 92.56 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 9°-25'-54" W., still through lands of said Massachusetts Builders, Incorporated, a distance of 652.84 to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-westerly direction, having a radius of 2022.50 feet, still through lands of said Massachusetts Builders, Incorporated, a length of 119.92 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 6°-02'-04" W., still through lands of said Massachusetts Builders, Incorporated, through lands of George P. Russell, and by lands of Joseph Medeiros and Mary Medeiros, a distance of 715.09 feet to a point on said South-Easterly side line of West Street, said point also being the intersection of the Town of Reading - City of Woburn boundary line with said South-Easterly side line of West Street;

Thence N. 50°-11'-11" E., along said South-Easterly side line of West Street, said line being also the Northerly terminus of this relocation of South Street, a distance of 43.80 feet to an angle point at lands of said Edward E. Randall and Alice M. Randall;

Thence N. 52°-46'-41" E., still along said South-Easterly side line of West Street, by lands of said Edward E. Randall et ux, and still being the Northerly terminus of this relocation of South Street, a distance of 38.33 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The abvoe described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Plan of a Portion of South Street, Reading, Mass., Engineering Division — Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., Showing Widening and Takings" dated January, 1954, said Plan being a part of this description.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

(signed) Harry R. Walker, Chairman
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.
Kenneth R. Johnson
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

Members of the Board of Public Works

Town of Reading

Article 9. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or altering of the location lines of a portion of South Street between West Street and Hyhapi Lane on the southeasterly side and between West Street and Hyhapi Lane on the northwesterly side and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 10:40 P. M.

163 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Shepardson Hall, Junior High School

March 29, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 10:40 P. M.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned until April 5, 1954 at 7:45 P. M. to meet in Shepardson Hall, Junior High School.

163 Town Meeting Members were present.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Junior High School

April 5, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 7:50 P. M.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

Article 2. The following report was read by Philip R. White:

The School Committee wishes to advise the Town, that in looking ahead to the opening of the new high school, they have had in mind the traffic hazard at Hillside Road at Main Street.

Approximately two years ago they requested the Selectmen to take action to try to secure approval from the State for the installation of traffic lights at this point. It is the Committee's understanding that the Selectmen did request authorization by the State and that up to the present time the request has been denied.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The following report was read by Carl H. Amon, Jr.:

Report of the Finance Committee Under Article 2

In view of the facts presented by the School Committee to the Town Meeting on March 22, 1954, and the indication by the School Committee that there are now sufficient parking facilities at the new Senior High School, the Finance Committee has reconsidered its previous vote wherein it recommended that the sum of Twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) be raised and appropriated from the tax levy for the construction of a parking area adjacent to the new Senior High School, under Article 27.

The Finance Committee has now voted to rescind its previous vote and has voted to not recommend the appropriation of Twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) for the construction of a parking area adjacent to the new Senior High School, under Article 27.

This report is necessary to supplement the written report of the Finance Committee and to have a record of the final action taken by the Finance Committee in regard to Article 27.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be laid on the table.

Article 24. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that Article 24 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 25. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that Article 25 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 26. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that Article 26 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 27. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted to take Article 27 from the table.

Article 27. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that Article 27 be indefinitely postponed."

Article 28. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that Article 28 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 29. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1949 Chevrolet Station Wagon and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) together with the proceeds from such sales or exchange be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Station Wagon for the School Department.

Article 30. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that there be and hereby is established a committee composed of seven members for the purpose of studying the matter of additional schoolhouse facilities, such committee to consist of one member from the School Committee, one from the Planning Board, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Finance Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, and three members to be appointed by the Moderator from the Town at large, and such committee to report at subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than the Annual Town Meeting of March, 1955.

Article 31. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred twenty (\$36,720.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated by transferring Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred (\$20,800.00) Dollars of said sum from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Operating Account and the remaining sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (\$15,920.00)

Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty (\$36,720.00) Dollars be appropriated for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of one Coupe Automobile, One Two-Ton Truck and one $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. Power Shovel and the proceeds received from the old equipment not exceeding Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars shall be appropriated in addition to the above mentioned sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty (\$36,720.00) Dollars as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equipment and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 32. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for resurfacing streets with bituminous concrete of which amount Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-five and $\frac{14}{100}$ (\$2265.14) Dollars shall be raised from the tax levy and Two Hundred Thirty-four and $\frac{86}{100}$ (\$234.86) Dollars be transferred from the 1953 Street Resurfacing Account; said appropriation shall be apportioned as follows: Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for Salaries and Two Thousand Three Hundred (\$2,300) Dollars for Expenses, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 33. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty (\$1,280.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for cleaning the Town Parking Areas Westerly of Main Street and Northerly of Haven Street said sum to be apportioned as follows: Nine Hundred Sixty (\$960.00) Dollars for Salaries and Three Hundred Twenty (\$320.00) Dollars for Expenses.

Article 34. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving a portion of Charles Street from a point near Wakefield Street northeasterly toward Haverhill Street together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 35. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for maintaining, repairing and resurfacing streets constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County.

Article 36. The following report was read by Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.

**Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of
John Carver Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require

the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location herein-after described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have paid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running North-Easterly from a Town Way now known as John Carver Road as accepted March, 1949, to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as John Carver Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at the North-Easterly terminus of said public town way known as John Carver Road as accepted March 1949; said point being N. 16°-51'-40" E., a distance of 15.0 feet measured along the Easterly side line of said John Carver (Public) Road from a stone bound set at the Northerly terminus of a curved line having a radius of 128.45 feet and a total length of 67.06 feet;

Thence N. 16°-51'-40" E., by lands of John William Mulley and Marjorie Mulley, James H. Heelin and Dorothy A. Heelin, Clifford P. Lindberg, Jr., and Eleanor M. Lindberg, and lands of Robert M. Grover and Shirley W. Grover a distance of 260.54 feet to point, said point being the Northerly terminus of the Easterly side line of this layout;

Thence N. 52°-35'-40" W., by lands of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading known as "Birch Meadow", a distance of 42.72 feet to a point; said point being at the Northerly terminus of the Westerly side line of this layout;

Thence S. 16°-51'-40" W., by lands of Svend A. Secher and Kathleen M. Secher, George W. Carlson, Jr., and lands of Joseph N. Christofi and Ann M. Christofi a distance of 275.53 feet to a point, said point being the Northerly terminus of the Westerly side line of John Carver (Public) Road as accepted March 1949;

Thence S. 73°-08'-20" E., along the Northerly terminus of said public town way known as John Carver Road, a distance of 40.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Engineering Division — Board of Public Works, Reading, Mass., Philip Welch, Supt., Plan of John Carver Road Showing Portion for Acceptance" dated January, 1954, said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named John Carver Road, and that the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven (\$2,987.00) Dollars be raised

and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(signed) Harry R. Walker, Chairman
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.
Kenneth R. Johnson
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 36. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private way known as John Carver Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: One Thousand Six Hundred (\$1,600.00) Dollars for Salaries and One Thousand Four Hundred (\$1,400.00) Dollars for expenses.

The following report was read by Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.:

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Overlook Road

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running Northwesterly from a Town Way now known as Overlook Road as accepted March 1950, to the Southerly side line of a private way known as Randall Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Overlook Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly terminus of said public town way known as Overlook road as accepted March 1950; said point being N. 21°-27'-20" W., a distance of 280.0 feet measured along the Westerly side line of Overlook Road from the Northerly side line of a Public Town Way known as Wescroft Road;

Thence N. 21°-27'-20" W., along said Westerly side line of Overlook Road, and by lands of Charles L. Crampe, Jr. and Lenore M. Crampe, and by lands of Meredith H. Gibson and Dorothy S. Gibson, a distance of 160.0 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northwesterly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still by lands of said Meredith H. Gibson et ux, a length of 31.42 feet to point on said Southerly side line of Randall (Private) Road;

Thence N. 68°-32'-40" E., along said Southerly side line of Randall (Private) Road, a distance of 80.0 feet to a point;

Thence by a curved line running in a Southwesterly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, by lands of John T. Brophy, Jr., and Joan A. Brophy, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 21°-27'-20" E., still by lands of said John T. Brophy, Jr., et ux, and by lands of George Reid and Doris G. Reid, a distance of 160.0 feet to a point, said point being the Northeasterly terminus of the March 1950 acceptance of Overlook Road;

Thence S. 68°-32'-40" W., along said Northerly March 1950 acceptance of Overlook Road, a distance of 40.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Overlook Road (Extension), Reading, Mass." dated January, 1954, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Overlook Road, and that the sum of Two Thousand Fifty (\$2,050.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(signed) Harry R. Walker, Chairman
Kenneth R. Johnson
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 37. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Overlook Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Ten (\$2,210.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be appropriated as follows: One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars for Salaries and One Thousand Ten (\$1,010.00) Dollars for Expenses.

Article 39. On motion of M. Russell Meikle, it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery for maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that Article 41 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that Article 3 be taken from the table.

Article 3. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the Personnel Board be and they hereby are instructed to formulate a Vacation and Sick Leave policy for the employees of the Town of Reading, and to report such policy to a subsequent Town Meeting, but not later than the Annual March 1955 Town Meeting.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

Article 42. On motion of Frank Stevens it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion.

103 voted in the affirmative.

21 voted in the negative.

Article 43. On motion of Charles W. H. Smith it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred Sixty (\$660.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 44. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Fifty-five Hundred (\$5,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sports, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

Article 45. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 46. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Section 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to co-operate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting be adjourned, sine die, at 9:25 P. M.

145 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Shepardson Hall, Junior High School

June 30, 1954

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the time and place specified in the Warrant.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:10 P. M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when, on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except for the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Kenneth C. Latham read the following report, and on motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that it be accepted and placed on file:

BUSINESS AREA DEVELOPMENT

In line with the vote of the Annual Town Meeting of 1954, at which time certain land area in Reading was changed to Business C Zone, at the junction of Route 28 and Route 128, negotiations have been continued with the proposed insurance building development.

This report can be summed up by stating that options were taken, and consideration passed, as of May 1, 1954, for a period of six months, on the land in question by the attorneys for the insurance company. Some time in the six months' period from May first to November first, 1954, the decision should be forthcoming from the insurance company which has taken the options on the land.

This is a report of progress on the project to date.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) KENNETH C. LATHAM

Article 1. William H. Dolben, Jr. read the following report, and on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that it be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file:

BIRCH MEADOW STUDY COMMITTEE

At an Annual Town Meeting on March 22, 1954, this committee was established for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the future development of the Birch Meadow area relating to school athletic facilities, public playground areas, public utilities, access roads, parking areas, swimming pool and other related matters.

Your committee has held regular weekly meetings commencing May 15, 1954. We have defined our objective as follows:

To create a long range plan for the future development of the Birch Meadow Area which will provide recreational facilities and access thereto for the greatest number of inhabitants consistent with the financial position of the town.

Recreational as above referred to relates to

- a. organized and unorganized sports and games.

- b. within and without the school curriculum.
- c. parking areas.

In the pursuit of our objective, we have made a physical inspection of the area; have requested and received recommendations of the School Committee relating to recreational facilities and parking requirements; have requested recommendations of the Board of Public Works for access and utility roads to service the area; and have requested and received recommendations of the Board of Selectmen relating to the site of the swimming pool.

It should be mentioned here that the foregoing recommendations are not made a part of this report inasmuch as no specific action has been taken on the recommendations but rather they will be given due consideration in our deliberations.

In its final report to the Annual Town Meeting next March, this Committee wants to present a master plan showing the proposed development of Birch Meadow Area in its entirety which will include cost estimates by sections in logical sequence.

In order to accomplish this it will be necessary to

1. Have a complete and accurate survey which would involve bringing up to date the 1930 topographical map of the area so that proper drainage may be determined and further that proper estimates of fill may be determined.

2. Have provided sketches with templates to scale of football, baseball and other fields — together with sketches of proposed access roads to the High School and playground area as well as provisions for parking — in order that this committee may determine proper locations for each.

3. Have provided cost estimates of various portions of the proposed work broken down into units.

4. Incorporate a plan for the contingent sewerage disposal of the proposed elementary school should the study committee which is studying various sites decide upon the Forest Street location.

Engineering services and consultation will be required to assist this Committee in its deliberation and planning in order to present an intelligent, comprehensive plan and analysis of the various factors involved. Therefore, under a subsequent article appears the request for the necessary funds.

The Board of Public Works have informed this committee that it is beyond its scope to furnish the information we request in this respect. They have furnished us with all available plans.

At a previous Town Meeting the School Committee requested and was given an appropriation of \$1,000 for engineering services in connection with the development of certain areas at Birch Meadow. All reports and records resulting from this previous expenditure have been delivered to this committee for its use. The comprehensive study this

committee has undertaken by your direction involves a much wider scope with a consequent need of more extensive engineering services.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Board of Public Works

(Signed) Harold D. Kilgore, Jr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Signed) Carl B. Pitman

Capital Budgeting Committee

(Signed) Lawrence A. Cate

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

(Signed) Gilbert M. Lothrop

(Signed) Charles L. Richardson, Jr.

(Signed) William H. Dolben, Jr. Chm.

Article 1. Everett P. Packer moved that the School Committee be and they hereby are instructed to name the new High School "Reading Memorial High School" and dedicate the same to the Veterans of all Wars and that a Bronze Plaque be placed in the Building bearing a suitable inscription commemorating the Sacrifices and Service of the Veterans who served their Country in times of War.

On motion of Roy E. Hatfield it was voted that action on Everett P. Packer's motion be postponed until the next annual town meeting.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 7.

Article 7. On motion of William H. Dolben, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Twenty-two Hundred (\$2200.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue for consulting engineering services, surveys, plans and reports in connection with the study of the future development of the Birch Meadow area now being made by special committee established under vote adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of the current year, such amount to be expended under the direction of said committee, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to grant lease and easement to the United States of America upon such terms and conditions as they may determine covering the following lots of land situated in the Southerly part of the Town on Bear Hill, so called, and shown on Plat No. 50A on file in the office of the Board of Assessors:

Lots 238 to 263 both inclusive; 178 to 191 both inclusive;

200 to 213 both inclusive and 264 to 268 both inclusive and the Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town the lease and easement and such other instruments which may be necessary in connection therewith.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-six and 72/100 (236.72) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Real Estate Account for the payment of the remaining costs covering the construction of the Municipal Parking Area situated Northerly of Haven Street which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation voted under

Article 20 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 16, 1953, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to convey for the minimum sum of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500.) Dollars and upon such further terms and conditions as they may determine the following lot of land located on the Northeasterly side of John Street and bounded:

Beginning on the Northeasterly side of John Street at point fifty (50) feet Northwesterly from the Reading-Wakefield Town Boundary line measured along the Northeasterly side line of John Street; Thence running Northeasterly two hundred seventy (270) feet; Thence turning and running Easterly eighty-nine (89) feet to the Reading-Wakefield Town Boundary line, the last two courses being by land retained by the Town of Reading; Thence turning and running Southwesterly along the Reading-Wakefield Town Boundary line by land of owners unknown three hundred forty-four (344) feet to John Street; and thence turning and running Northwesterly along the Northeasterly boundary line of John Street, fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning; estimated to contain Fifteen thousand three hundred fifty (15,350) square feet of land, and said Board is further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town deed and such other instruments conveying the lot to the purchaser thereof.

Vote 119 In the affirmative
0 In the negative

Article 5. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the Schedule of Minimum and Maximum salaries to be paid to employees in the positions included in the Employees Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the weekly maximums as appearing therein and substitute in place thereof under the Job

Classifications the following new maximum rates:

Classification	Weekly Max.
Sec. 4. Public Works Department	
Assistant Superintendent	105.00
Sec. 5. Municipal Light Department	
Cable Splicer	92.80

Article 6. On motion of Charles R. Baisley it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-two and 16/100 (\$2,132.16) be appropriated by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue to cover the payment of the first year of the term of the contract for the garbage collection, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation voted under Article 4 at the Annual Town Meeting held in March, 1954, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 8. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that the town accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer

the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) from the Planning Board Expense Account to a new Planning Board Legal Expense Account and that the Planning Board be and it hereby is authorized to expend such sum for the employment of legal counsel in relation to appeals from two decisions of the Reading Board of Appeals dated March 30, 1954 and for any expenses contingent thereto.

This motion was lost.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 10:15 P. M.

123 Precinct Members present.

A true copy. Attest

Boyd H. Stewart, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY

Security Hall September 14, 1954

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Party Primary was held at the time and place specified, and was called to order by James E. Calvin, Selectman, who then read the warrant and the Officer's return. The ballot boxes were duly examined by the Constable in charge and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 7 A. M. and were closed at 8 P. M. with the following result: 195 Democrat Votes and 1234 Republican Votes for a total of 1479 as follows:

Ballot of the Republican Party

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Governor					
Christian A. Herter, Millis	208	320	338	348	1214
Blanks	16	21	21	12	70
	224	341	359	360	1284
Lieutenant Governor					
Sumner G. Whittier, Everett	216	327	343	348	1234
Blanks	8	14	16	12	50
	224	341	359	360	1284
Secretary					
Michael J. McCarthy, E. Bridgewater	203	309	332	339	1183
Blanks	21	32	27	21	101
	224	341	359	360	1284
Treasurer					
Augustus G. Means, Essex	207	314	339	343	1203
Blanks	17	27	20	17	81
	224	341	359	360	1284

Auditor

William P. Constantino, Clinton	204	304	334	332	1174
Blanks	20	37	25	28	110
	224	341	359	360	1284

Attorney General

George Fingold, Concord	210	323	342	348	1223
Blanks	14	18	17	12	61
	224	341	359	360	1284

Senator in Congress

Leverett Saltonstall, Dover	215	324	342	349	1230
Blanks	9	17	17	11	54
	224	341	359	360	1284

Congressman

Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose	146	233	240	242	861
Lester W. Bowen, Reading	69	92	110	113	384
Blanks	9	16	9	5	39
	224	341	359	360	1284

Councillor

M. Edward Viola, Arlington	196	310	327	336	1169
Blanks	28	31	32	24	115
	224	341	359	360	1284

Senator

George J. Evans, Wakefield	140	230	266	236	872
John C. Connelly, Reading	74	100	84	109	367
Blanks	10	11	9	15	45
	224	341	359	360	1284

Representatives in General Court

Frank D. Tanner, Reading	203	305	318	330	1156
Charles E. Wilkinson, Reading	200	294	336	338	1168
Edward A. Foley, Woburn	7	16	9	7	39
Mildred M. McHenry, Woburn	8	15	5	11	39
Stanley Roketenetz, Jr., Woburn	9	18	7	10	44
Blanks	21	34	43	24	122
	448	682	718	720	2568

District Attorney

George E. Thompson, Melrose	194	299	316	327	1136
Blanks	30	42	43	33	148
	224	341	359	360	1284

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Sumner R. Andrews, Winchester	37	85	82	76	280
Gordon L. Axtman, Cambridge	2	2	1	1	6
James J. Bagley, Newton	3	2	2	5	12
Robert W. Cook, Wakefield	69	71	77	71	288
Lawrence H. Davis, Everett	24	32	48	51	155
Warren J. Fitzgerald, Belmont	50	79	86	84	299
Gordon F. Hughes, Somerville	—	—	—	4	4
John F. Lombard, Belmont	2	3	5	4	14
Clarence E. Lord, Somerville	—	2	3	3	8
Frederick J. Wheeler, Jr., Medford	3	13	5	6	27
Blanks	34	52	50	55	191
	224	341	359	360	1284

County Commissioner

Alan G. Adams, Lexington	90	166	153	127	536
Stanley E. Andrews, Waltham	21	22	21	22	86
Ernest Brenner, Somerville	38	40	64	80	222
Albert L. Daigle, Lowell	4	4	8	9	25
Guy DiNuccio, Everett	5	3	2	5	15
Delbert A. Merenda, Medford	5	2	2	5	14
Ellis Sutcliffe, Newton	3	9	11	8	31
Horace H. Walker, Medford	8	18	21	23	70
D. Paul Wormwood, Malden	14	12	16	22	64
Blanks	36	65	61	59	221
	224	341	359	360	1284

County Treasurer

Charles P. Howard, Reading	205	313	330	339	1187
Blanks	19	28	29	21	97
	224	341	359	360	1284

Ballot of the Democratic Party

Governor

Robert F. Murphy, Malden	43	52	35	29	159
Francis E. Kelly, Boston	7	4	10	10	31
Blanks	3	1	1	—	5
	53	57	46	39	195

Lieutenant Governor

James A. Burke, Boston	44	49	42	32	167
Blanks	9	8	4	7	28
	53	57	46	39	195

Secretary

Edward J. Cronin, Chelsea	44	51	40	33	168
Blanks	9	6	6	6	27
	53	57	46	39	195

Treasurer

Clement A. Riley, Norwood	17	26	20	18	81
William F. Carr, Boston	16	13	11	3	43
John F. Kennedy, Canton	11	14	14	14	53
Blanks	9	4	1	4	18

	53	57	46	39	195
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Auditor

Thomas J. Buckley, Boston	45	49	40	35	169
Blanks	8	8	6	4	26

	53	57	46	39	195
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Attorney General

John F. Collins, Boston	43	50	40	32	165
Blanks	10	7	6	7	30

	53	57	46	39	195
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Senator in Congress

Foster Furcolo, Longmeadow	28	38	29	20	115
John I. Fitzgerald, Boston	7	5	9	7	28
Joseph L. Murphy, Boston	12	8	6	8	34
Blanks	6	6	2	4	18

	53	57	46	39	195
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Congressman

John B. Carr, Somerville	6	5	7	3	21
John C. Carr, Jr., Medford	17	16	15	19	67
Torbert H. MacDonald, Malden	23	32	22	12	89
Blanks	7	4	2	5	18

	53	57	46	39	195
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Councillor

John Francis Casey, Somerville	17	25	18	14	74
Joseph J. Corcoran, Cambridge	8	4	6	5	23
Joseph Ray Crimins, Somerville	5	6	6	1	18
James J. Reagan, Belmont	2	7	1	5	15
Edward T. Sullivan, Cambridge	8	6	9	5	28
Blanks	13	9	6	9	37

	53	57	46	39	195
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Senator

Cornelius T. Finnegan, Jr., Lowell	10	6	10	10	36
Clarence L. Myette, Wakefield	3	—	3	1	7
Walter C. Powers, Reading	30	44	28	24	126
Blanks	10	7	5	4	26

	53	57	46	39	195
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Representatives in General Court

Joseph D. Cahill, Reading	30	31	35	27	123
James M. Henchey, Woburn	11	16	8	8	43
Charles R. McCauley, Jr., Woburn	12	15	8	4	39
John J. Pattelena, Woburn	1	2	2	5	10
Andrew P. Ring, Wilmington	4	1	8	3	16
John F. Scalley, Woburn	7	4	1	1	13
William G. Shaughnessy, Woburn	15	29	16	10	70
Mary A. Terwilliger, Woburn	1	2	2	2	7
Blanks	25	14	12	18	69
	106	114	92	78	390

District Attorney

Joseph V. Carroll, Somerville	12	12	10	9	43
Charles H. McCue	6	6	4	2	18
Paul V. Shaughnessy, Waltham	15	18	17	12	62
Irving L. Stackpole, Somerville	6	8	10	9	33
Blanks	14	13	5	7	39
	53	57	46	39	195

Register of Probate and Insolvency

John J. Butler, Wakefield	20	21	21	19	81
Philip P. Dever, Woburn	10	14	11	4	39
John J. Foley, Cambridge	5	5	6	5	21
Clifford Halligan, Lowell	6	4	2	3	15
John V. Harvey, Belmont	3	3	3	3	12
Blanks	9	10	3	5	27
	53	57	46	39	195

County Commissioner

Thomas B. Brennan, Medford	13	23	25	15	76
John J. Burke, Somerville	3	5	3	2	13
Joseph Perry Costa, Lowell	5	4	2	3	14
Walter J. Frizzell, Medford	7	3	2	2	14
William E. Higham, Somerville	1	—	—	—	1
James P. McCarthy, Medford	7	7	4	5	23
Jeanette C. Chisholm Sullivan, Woburn	2	5	5	5	17
Blanks	15	10	5	7	37
	53	57	46	39	195

County Treasurer

C. Michael Bradley, Cambridge	3	4	3	1	11
Francis T. Crawford, Lowell	4	4	2	1	11
Timothy J. Cronin, Somerville	1	3	10	3	17
Joseph M. Curley, Wakefield	15	16	11	12	55
Edward L. Harley, Lowell	2	1	1	5	9
Daniel J. Hurley, Billerica	2	1	2	1	6
Joseph T. Kelleher, Woburn	6	10	6	6	28
Francis R. King, Lowell	3	2	1	1	7

John J. McGlynn, Medford	1	1	4	2	8
Wilbur F. Nixon, Cambridge	—	1	1	1	3
Dennis F. O'Keefe, Everett	1	5	—	1	7
Michael A. O'Leary, Cambridge	2	—	—	—	2
Blanks	13	9	5	5	32
	53	57	46	39	195

The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the town building vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 10:30 P. M. September 14, 1954.

Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART,

Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

Odd Fellows Building

November 2, 1954

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth C. Latham.

The warrant was partially read by Boyd H. Stewart, when on motion of James E. Calvin it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was then read by Boyd H. Stewart.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Kenneth C. Latham.

The polls were opened at 7:00 A. M. and closed at 8:00 P. M. with the following results:

Whole number of votes cast 7014.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Governor					
Christian A. Herter of Millis (Rep.)	1040	1530	1204	1654	5428
Robert F. Murphy of Malden (Dem.)	497	366	290	391	1544
Lawrence Gilfedder, Boston (Soc. Labor)	2	1	1	2	6
Guy S. Williams of Boylston (Proh.)	2	0	0	0	2
Blanks	11	11	5	7	34
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
Lieutenant Governor					
Sumner G. Whittier of Everett (Rep.)	1082	1551	1238	1696	5567
James A. Burke of Boston (Dem.)	452	338	253	340	1383
Donald E. Babcock, Pittsfield (Proh.)	5	3	1	2	11
Francis A. Votano of Lynn (Soc. Labor)	0	1	1	5	7
Blanks	13	15	7	11	46
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Secretary

Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea (Dem.)	552	484	364	514	1914
Michael J. McCarthy, E. Br'gew'er (Rep.)	950	1373	1106	1492	4921
Fred M. Ingersoll of Lynn (Soc. Labor)	8	11	1	9	29
William D. Ross of Brookline (Proh.)	6	9	5	2	22
Blanks	36	31	24	37	128
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Treasurer

John F. Kennedy of Canton (Dem.)	538	443	297	472	1750
Augustus G. Means of Essex (Rep.)	968	1428	1181	1544	5121
Henning A. Blomen, Boston (Soc. Labor)	8	10	3	13	34
Isaac Goddard of Newton (Proh.)	3	4	2	2	11
Blanks	35	23	17	23	98
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Auditor

Thomas J. Buckley of Boston (Dem.)	609	589	420	584	2197
William P. Constantino of Clinton (Rep.)	890	1290	1059	1424	4663
John B. Lauder of Revere (Proh.)	10	5	1	9	25
Anthony Martin of Boston (Soc. Labor)	2	0	1	4	7
Blanks	41	29	19	33	122
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Attorney General

George Fingold of Concord (Rep.)	1062	1503	1207	1661	5433
John F. Collins of Boston (Dem.)	461	383	283	371	1498
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill (Proh.)	2	5	2	4	13
Malcolm T. Rowe, Peabody (Soc. Labor)	2	0	1	3	6
Blanks	25	17	7	15	64
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Senator in Congress

Leverett Saltonstall of Dover (Rep.)	1050	1492	1201	1628	5371
Foster Furcolo of Longmeadow (Dem.)	485	394	283	409	1571
Thelma Ingersoll of Lynn (Soc. Labor)	0	2	2	4	8
Harold J. Ireland of Worcester (Proh.)	1	1	1	0	3
Blanks	16	19	13	13	61
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Congressman

Angier L. Goodwin of Melrose (Rep.)	1040	1410	1153	1570	5173
Torbert H. MacDonald of Malden (Dem.)	493	483	338	469	1783
Blanks	19	15	9	15	58
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	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Councillor

M. Edward Viola of Arlington (Rep.)	1009	1473	1181	1586	5249
John Francis Casey of Somerville (Dem.)	494	388	291	408	1581
Anthony D. Hall of Arlington (Proh.)	6	6	4	4	20
Blanks	43	41	24	56	164
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Senator

George J. Evans of Wakefield (Rep.)	1072	1493	1205	1641	5411
Cornelius T. Finnegan, Jr., Lowell (Dem.)	447	381	278	373	1479
Blanks	33	34	17	40	124
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Representatives in General Court

Frank D. Tanner of Reading (Rep.)	1127	1551	1242	1656	5576
Charles E. Wilkinson of Reading, (Rep.)	965	1374	1144	1522	5005
James M. Henchy of Woburn, (Dem.)	362	320	220	345	1247
William G. Shaughnessy, Woburn (Dem.)	369	311	195	300	1175
Blanks	281	260	199	285	1025
	3104	3816	3000	4108	14028

District Attorney

George E. Thompson of Melrose (Rep.)	1026	1498	1209	1623	5356
Joseph V. Carroll of Somerville (Dem.)	478	377	270	387	1512
Blanks	48	33	21	44	146
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Warren J. Fitzgerald of Belmont (Rep.)	1015	1451	1188	1572	5226
John J. Foley of Cambridge (Dem.)	485	405	283	418	1591
Blanks	52	52	29	64	197
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

County Commissioner

Thomas B. Brennan of Medford (Dem.)	549	492	356	486	1883
Alan G. Adams of Lexington (Rep.)	948	1366	1110	1496	4920
Blanks	55	50	34	72	211
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

County Treasurer

Charles P. Howard of Reading (Rep.)	1113	1528	1238	1653	5532
Timothy J. Cronin of Somerville (Dem.)	409	348	247	369	1373
Blanks	30	32	15	32	109
	1552	1908	1500	2054	7014

Question No. 1

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes	340	325	207	308	1180
No	1038	1406	1161	1551	5156
Blanks	174	177	132	195	678

1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
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B. Wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages?

Yes	329	315	223	309	1176
No	1004	1384	1126	1522	5036
Blanks	219	209	151	223	802

1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
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C. Package Goods

Yes	702	799	557	782	2840
No	756	1020	879	1175	3830
Blanks	94	89	64	97	344

1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
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Question No. 2

A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

Yes	624	569	430	662	2285
No	793	1175	956	1223	4147
Blanks	135	164	114	169	582

1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
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B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

Yes	584	542	391	615	2132
No	807	1183	984	1248	4222
Blanks	161	183	125	191	660

1552	1908	1500	2054	7014
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The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 2:15 A. M. November 3, 1954.

Attest

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Clerk

Thursday, November 4, 1954

Attested copies of the election results were this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and to the County Commissioners at East Cambridge.

Attest

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

December 6, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:15 P. M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. On motion of Everett P. Packer it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are instructed to appoint a committee, consisting of seven members, to consider the advisability of naming the New High School as a memorial for veterans who served in all wars; such committee to report at the annual town meeting to be held in March 1955.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand (\$6000) Dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue, for the maintenance, care and protection of the old High School and the school grounds and for consulting engineering services, surveys and plans in connection with the study of the future development and use of the building and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the town by purchase, right of eminent domain or otherwise for school purposes the fee in the following described parcel of land and the sum of sixty-six hundred (\$6600.) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the following accounts; \$1,000. from Old Age Assistance Account; \$250. from Interest Account and \$5,350. from Surplus Revenue and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the southerly side line of Hartshorn Street and the westerly line of the property herein described; thence running northerly along the easterly end of Hartshorn Street twenty-one and five tenths (21.5) feet; thence running easterly along land of Inhabitants of the Town of Reading one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly along land of Inhabitants of the Town of Reading seventy and one-tenth (70.1) feet; thence running westerly along land of Inhabitants of the Town of Reading one hundred (100) feet; thence running northerly by land now or formerly of Hermann forty-eight and six tenths (48.6) feet to point of beginning, containing about 7,008 square feet.

108 voted in the affirmative

2 voted in the negative

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Old Age Assistance Account for consulting engineers or architectural services, plans and surveys for constructing an addition to or rebuilding Hose 2 Fire House on Woburn Street and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Harold L. Jones, as amended by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the Regulations Relating to Job Classifications under the Employees Classification Plan be and the same are hereby amended by adding at the end of Regulation 10 the following paragraph;

During state of extreme emergency involving the health and safety of persons or property as officially declared by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of the law, a special overtime payment shall be made to employees not ordinarily entitled to overtime on the following basis:

When the number of hours worked in any week exceeds the regular work week by ten working hours, payment shall be made for all extra hours worked, not exceeding a maximum of two percent of the annual salary in any work week. The hourly rate shall be determined by dividing two percent of the annual salary by forty or applying the factor .0005.

Exceptions:

1. Foremen shall be paid either under the provisions of the first paragraph of Regulation ten or under this paragraph, whichever shall be most advantageous to the employee.

2. Call Firemen may be paid additional compensation on an equitable basis to be determined by the Board of Selectmen and Personnel Board.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that all Town Boards be instructed to include in the annual budgets for 1955 sufficient funds to make the special overtime payments to Town employees who performed extra services during the hurricanes of the year 1954 in accordance with the Regulation adopted under Article 5, at this meeting.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

Article 6. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Twelve thousand two hundred sixteen and 85/100 (\$12,216.85) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the New High School Water Mains Account to the account for expenses for construction, maintenance and operation of water works and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to said account.

On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Two thousand (\$2000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the account for salaries for Park Department to the account for expenses for construction, maintenance and operation of Parks and Playgrounds and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 9. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Fifteen hundred (\$1500.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Sewer Maintenance and Operating Salaries Account to the Sewer Maintenance and Operating Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 10. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Eighteen Hundred (\$1800.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction Salaries Account to the Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to said account.

Article 11. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Four hundred (\$400.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Assessor's Salaries Account to the Tree and Moth Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to said account.

Article 12. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Five hundred (\$500.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Interest Account to the Fire Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 13. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five hundred (\$500.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Interest Account to the Fire Alarm Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 14. On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the sum of Three hundred fifty (\$350.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Public Works Engineering Division Salaries Account to the Municipal Building Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 15. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five hundred twenty-five (\$525.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Public Works Engineering Division Salaries Account to the Election and Registration Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

On motion of Everett P. Packer it was voted that Article 16 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 17. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Twelve thousand seventy-five and 95/100 (\$12,075.95) Dollars be appropriated by transferring \$8,075.95 from the School Department General Maintenance Account and \$4,000. from the Transportation of School Children Account, for the purpose of completing the construction of the new High School Building and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriations voted for this purpose and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 18. On motion of Newell H. Morton it was voted that the sum of Five hundred seventy-four and 16/100 (\$574.16) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the School Department General Salaries Account for the purpose of payment of Teachers Veterans Pension and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 19. On motion of William E. Burpee it was voted that the care, custody, management and control of the following described parcel of land adjacent to the site of the new high school be and the same hereby is transferred for school purposes, which land is now being used for playground purposes:

Beginning at a point on a parcel of land owned by the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading upon which is located the Reading Senior High School and running across land known as Birch Meadow and owned by the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading; thence N. 20°-48-10" W. seventy-four and 3/10 (74.3) feet; thence turning and running N. 69°-04' E. for a distance of one hundred forty-three and 9/100 (143.09) feet; thence turning and running N. 83°-05' E. for a distance of six and 1/10 (6.1) feet; thence turning and running S. 43°-02'-50" W. for a distance of one hundred sixty-six (166) feet to the point of beginning.

The above parcel having a total area of 5,646 square feet.

109 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

Article 20. On motion of Sydney M. Hodson it was voted that the sum of One hundred (\$100.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Public Works Engineering Division Salaries Account to the Public Library Salaries Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 21. On motion of M. Russell Meikle it was voted that the sum of Four hundred thirty-five and 37/100 (\$435.37) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Public Works Engineering Division Salaries Account for the purchase of a generator, chain saw and cable for use of the Cemetery Department and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 22. On motion of M. Russell Meikle it was voted that the town acquire by purchase for enlargement of Forest Glen Cemetery the following described parcels of land and the sum of Three thousand

seven hundred fifty (\$3750.) Dollars be appropriated for such acquisition by transferring said sum from the Cemetery Reserve Fund and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

First Parcel

Beginning on the southerly side of Forest Glen Road at the north-westerly corner of the parcel; thence easterly by Forest Glen Road one hundred and 56/100 (100.56) feet to land of the Town of Reading (Forest Glen Cemetery); thence turning and running southeasterly by the Forest Glen Cemetery two hundred seventy-three and 80/100 (273.80) feet to the second parcel hereinafter described; thence turning and running in a general westerly direction by the said second parcel one hundred thirty-seven and 46/100 (137.46) feet to land of Harold F. Davis et ux and thence turning and running northerly by said Davis land two hundred eighty-eight and 94/100 (288.94) feet to Forest Glen Road and the point of beginning.

Said parcel is shown as Lot 10A on Plat 65 of Town of Reading Assessors Plans and is estimated to contain 32,550 square feet.

Second Parcel

Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof at land of Town of Reading (Forest Glen Cemetery); thence southeasterly by the Forest Glen Cemetery two hundred twenty-three and 90/100 (223.90) feet to land now or formerly of George A. Taber et al; thence turning and running southwesterly by said Taber land one hundred fifty-three and 30/100 (153.30) feet to land of James T. Putnam et al; thence turning and running northerly by said Putnam land two hundred sixty-seven (267) feet, more or less, to the first parcel above described and thence turning and running easterly by said first parcel one hundred thirty-seven and 46/100 (137.46) feet to the Forest Glen Cemetery and the point of beginning.

Said parcel is the easterly portion of Lot 8, Plat 65, Town of Reading Assessors Plans and is estimated to contain 35,420 square feet.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 10:00 P.M.

117 Precinct Members present.

A true copy. Attest

Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1954

Date	Name	Parents
January		
1	Janet Ida Englund	Clifton P. and Mary C.
1	Robert Arthur MacKean	Wilson A. and Dorothea A.
1	Patricia Tarpin	Albert A. and Georgina J.
1	Paul Robert Wasserboehr	Harvey P., III and Elizabeth M.
1	Patricia W. Wasserboehr	Harvey P., III and Elizabeth M.
1	Janice Lynn Haycox	Ronald F. and Caroline L.
2	Kathleen Jean Webb	Walter C. and Phyllis G.
5	Brenda Lee Dooley	David L. and Mary E.
6	Maria Teresa Bacigalupo	Charles A. and Mary F.
7	Deborah Jane Carlson	George W., Jr. and Elvira G.
7	Cynthia Jane Gould	Harvey V., Jr. and Patricia S.
8	Barry Edward Garden	Charles S. and Thelma G.
8	Beth Joy Koniares	George H. and Marjorie
8	Ellen Webber Kevorkian	Edwin A. and Marion
9	Dana Russell Edwards	Reginald M. and Ruth A.
10	Kenneth Randy Dasho	Walter S. and Jeanette G.
10	Marianne Robinson	William F. and Barbara J.
10	David Dexter Watson	Richard D. and Margaret L.
11	Lois Ann Steadman	Ralph C. and Doris E.
13	Michael Burns	George A. and Eleanor C.
15	Mary Elizabeth Cavanaugh	Robert L. and Elizabeth
17	Richard Edward Keane, Jr.	Richard E. and Jane L.
18	Lincoln Scheier Davis	John B., Jr. and Barbara W.
18	William Robert Conary, Jr.	William R. and Effie G.
19	Scott Irving Thompson	Donald L. and Lillian M.
19	Nancy Lizbeth Hallstrom	James R. and Helen E.
23	John Albert Marzinzik	Theodore A. and Mary E.
23	Lydia Anne Monsivais	Alfredo V. and K. Anne
25	Janet Marie Power	Robert J. and Margaret H.
26	Lawrence Laskey	Ronan J. and Catherine J.
26	Darlene Joye Meuse	Richard A. and Joye A.
27	Karen Louise Lewis	Ralph T. and Marilyn R.
February		
2	Bruce Kirby Bartlett	Wayne D. and Elizabeth M.
2	Robert James Welcome	Francis W., Jr. and Thelma V.
2	Michele Sullivan	Donald J. and Jacqueline A.
4	Francis Leon Doiron, Jr.	Francis L. and Ramona M.
4	Stephen Leslie Rowe	Ernest Y. and Frieda M.
5	Tannie Steen	Cecil H. and Ellen
5	Jonathan Brigham Kelley	James McC. and Ruth D.
6	Susan Evelyn Tucker	Willis F., Jr. and Evelyn L.
6	Linda Elizabeth Gerade	Robert G., Jr. and Barbara
6	Carole Berenice Sweezev	George M. and Bernice E.
6	Gary Lee Glynn	George E. and Henrietta
6	Roger Howell Gaw	Howell G. and Jean M.

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Date	Name	Parents
February		
7	Joanne Beaudoin	John F. and June F.
7	Kieran Michael Gavin	Michael J. and Jean B.
7	Mary Anne Flynn	Daniel J. and Irene R.
8	Lynne Patricia Marchand	Robert E. and Louise
9	Meredith Ellen Gish	Lyle L. and Helen M.
9	Kevin Philip Harron	William, Jr. and Lois A.
10	Faith Ellen Didham	Arthur W. and Dorothy G.
11	Susan Winfred Farrow	John G. and Dorothea M.
12	Jeanne Louise Roman	George and Ella M.
12	Francis Daniel Olsen, Jr.	Francis D. and Ann M.
12	Janice Downs	Kenneth D. and Edith
14	Janice Ann Brown	Richard E. and Theresa A.
17	Christine Elizabeth Hiitt	Arthur C. and Janetta G.
20	Timothy Wild Jackson	Thomas W. and Gretchen
20	Thomas Waitt Jackson, Jr.	Thomas W. and Gretchen
21	Alfia Jay Clay, III	Alfia J., Jr. and Martha J.
21	Ronald Gary Iamelli	Frank and Marjorie T.
21	Carol Ruth Stuart	Raymond A. and Barbara A.
23	Malcolm Wanagel	Michael and Mary L.
24	Gregory Paul Dube	Paul E. and Jeanne F.
24	Robin Tucker	Robert B. and Ethel G.
25	Kendra Ann Gibson	Kenneth C. and Kathleen A.
25	Kenneth Roy Hubel	Roy M. and Isobel C.
25	Kathy Anne MacLeod	Bruce T. and Marsha B.
26	Andrea Frances Brown	Laurence G. and June A.
28	Raymond William Firth	Morris W. and Audrey G.
28	Brian Michael Kichline	Thomas P. and Mary E.
March		
1	Teresa Jean Gonzalo	Frederick W. and Elizabeth F.
2	Marilyn Bourque	William H. and Helen T.
2	Thomas Edgar Davis	Edgar J. and Katherine M.
3	Michael Shawn Griffin	John J. and Priscilla A.
6	Susan Gail Aucella	Thomas A. and Ada L.
7	William Richard McHardy	Harold J. and Mary M.
7	Daniel Arthur Edwards	Evan P. and Lorraine
8	Bruce Philip Hudson	Harvey P. and Jessie C.
10	Joan Monahan	Alfred T. and Joan L.
12	Stephen John Swanson	Harold and Dorothy
12	Claire Rita Richer	Raymond J. and Claire J.
13	Gretchen Elizabeth Carter	Earle E. and Barbara G.
13	Mary Elizabeth Quinlan	John J., Jr. and Delia M.
14	Robert Stamatis	Charles H. and Ruth A.
15	Paul Eliot Lantz	Allan W. and Charlotte V.
16	Kimberlee Ann Wise	Albert C. and Marilyn J.
18	Maureen Kelley	Edmund G. and Margaret M.

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Date	Name	Parents
March		
18	Margaret Ellen Gundlach	William N. and Dorothea R.
19	Kenneth Lee Merrill	John W., Jr. and Elizabeth
19	Thomas Storti	John, Jr., and Virginia R.
20	Raymond Francis Hillier, Jr.	Raymond F. and Mildred
21	— MacIsaac	Archie D. and Sadie
22	Leslie Anne Hodgkins	Leslie G., Jr., and Olive L.
23	— Durland	Robert E. and Barbara A.
24	Robert Franklin Smith	Eugene C. and Catherine I.
24	David Carl Gardner Pinkham	Carl W., Jr. and Alice G.
24	Peter Gary Pratt	Harris P., Jr., and Alice M.
25	Bruce Henry Ballou	Robert L. and Phyllis M.
26	Susan Lee Brown	Paul A. and Shirley I.
27	Donald Page Ingraham	Dewey R. and Shirley A.
27	Diana Lindsay Platt	Walter W. and Patricia W.
April		
1	Susan Lee Pheeney	Lee E. and Fairlee
2	Diana Marie MacInnes	Charles E. and Carolyn M.
3	William David Dulac	Raymond L. and Mary L.
4	Edith Elinda Burnham	George D. and Eleanor V.
4	Deborah Ann Bresette	Donald A. and Barbara L.
6	Pamela Jean Waldron	Evans W. and Alice
7	David Bryan Miller	Russell L. and Marian L.
7	Baby Murphy	Paul and Laurene
8	Catherine Croft Yeo	Robert H. and Eva M.
8	Ann Helen Rourke	John E. and Ann H.
10	Karen Barbara Harvey	Albert S. and Catherine L.
10	William James Butt	William J. and Elizabeth
11	Kenneth Alan Muir	Robert A. and Gertrude H.
11	Donna Marie Grava	Walter J. and Margaret P.
11	Janice Marie Rollet	Roger J. and Helen M.
13	Donald Spillane	Patrick J. and Margaret M.
14	Nancy Marie Mustone	Michael J. and Annamae
15	David John Fullerton	John H. and Olive L.
17	Steven Douglas Baker	Arnold R. and Thelma S.
17	Carolyn Joan Gallella	Francis V. and Martha V.
18	Jack Ralph Wilson	Ralph E., Jr. and Marion
18	Shawn Joseph Cavanaugh	William J. and Helen P.
19	Catherine Maria Berger	Conrad P. and Jean G.
20	John Anthony Baccari	Lawrence A. and Marion W.
20	Kevin Francis Bambery	Kenneth A. and Mary M.
21	Wayne Donald Hills	Donald G. and Elizabeth F.
22	Stephen Phillip Woodlock	Phillip F. and Elaine
22	Wayne Alan Evans	Richard D. and Gertrude I.
22	Maryanne Dimond	George M. and Mary A.

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Date	Name	Parents
April		
24	Mark Austin Reddish	Robert A. and Carol E.
24	Marsha Lorraine Nichols	Willard F. and Shirley L.
24	Kathleen Ann Burbine	Clarence T. and Barbara A.
24	George Lewis Lefavour, Jr.	George L. and Thelma M.
24	Carolyn Ruth Urquhart	Frank C. and Audrey T.
25	Edward Gregory Dee	William H., Jr. and Margaret M.
25	Paula Marie Farmer	William C. and Elsie L.
27	Diane Lee Clay	John O. and Edna R.
27	Lydia Ruth Catanzano	Anthony and Arlene R.
27	Linda Anne Mack	Raymond A. and Marion G.
28	George Neptune Nicholaides, Jr.	George N. and Doris A.
29	Gary Frank Waddle	Howard C., Jr. and Lois J.
30	Laura Jean Killam	Albert and Jessie
May		
2	Lisa Marion Beaudry	Benjamin G. and Audrey R.
6	Stephen Gardner Chandler	Henry D. and Alice L.
7	Joanne Driscoll	Joseph P. and Viola L.
8	Richard Jonathan Hume	Richard G. and Anne M.
10	Susan Dawn Burgess	Paul F. and Anna M. E.
12	Marit Marion Davies	William and Ingrid J.
12	Mark Alan Lander	Robert E. and Shirley M.
15	Kathryn Lois Grant	Forrest H. and Lois M.
16	Sharon Ann Runge	Robert E. and Dorothy E.
16	Andrew Arthur Vanasse	Edmond J. and Arlene
16	Richard Allan Nickerson	Paul E. and Gladys M.
16	Ronald Winfield Baker	Winfield S. and Marjorie L.
17	Diane Elizabeth Grundy	Robert A. and Ethel P.
18	William Robert Cronin	William R. and Mayrita
19	Linda Frances Brown	Richard E. and Phyllis M.
21	Joyce Elaine Burt	George F. and Marion E.
21	Leigh Ann Priebe	Richard G. and Elizabeth A.
21	June Leslie Drolette	Joseph L. and Irene B.
22	Earl Vincent Gaw	Gordon A. and Evelyn L.
22	Peter Dembski	Theodore A. and Minna M.
24	Diane Carey	Carl T., Jr. and Florence E.
25	Stephen Joseph Gunn	Chester P. and Frances B.
25	— Hyslip	George R. and Loretta L.
25	Richard Edwin Case	Paul E. and Shirley E.
26	Scott William Lander	William J. and Marjorie F.
27	Gary Anthony Mucci	John S. and Eleanor A.
28	Meredith Ellen Bowes	Arthur T. and Anne E.
31	Miles Creamer Higgins, 3rd	Miles C., 2nd and Margaret G.
31	Patricia Ann Emery	James T. and Doris E.

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Date	Name	Parents
June		
1	Susan Wakefield Ford	Richard H. and Margaret T.
2	Judith Ellen Cail	James B. and Marion
2	Barbara Jane Cann	Bernard F. and Mildred L.
2	Deirdre Ann Hayes	William R. and Lillian
3	Wayne Peter Faloney	Fred W., Jr. and Rachelle M.
3	Mark Haldave Secher	Svend A., Jr. and Kathleen M.
3	Nathalie Jane Southwick	Warren S., Jr. and Nathalie M.
8	David Chase Carr	Burton E. and Jean S.
8	Alan Charles Carr	Burton E. and Jean S.
10	Beverly Anne Beane	Raymond J., Jr. and June I.
10	David Edward Gilman	Carl E. and Bertha H.
10	Robert Paul Zitzow	Harold P. and Virginia
10	Toni Ann Payne	James H. and Jean E.
11	Deborah Sue Blake	John H. and Joan G.
12	Deborah Ann Braun	James E. and Ann
13	Jay Alan Grammer	Samuel H., Jr. and Lorraine C.
13	Stephen Paul Jolliffe	Howard R. and Claire L.
14	Roger Edward Lyon	Roger A. and Edith K.
16	Susan Carol Lewis	Walter I., Jr. and Eleanore C.
17	Stephen Thomas Tower	Thomas C. and Janet C.
18	Paula Mae Meurer	Paul J. and Olga M.
19	Elizabeth Lee Sloss	James and Anita J. L.
20	Cheryl Ann Granelli	Fred, Jr. and Frances P.
22	Elizabeth Anne Falkenstrom	Charles E. and Lucille F.
23	Sally Ann Carroll	John V. and Ruth M.
24	Karen Ann Foye	John R. and Eleanor A.
25	Darline Wendy Ellis	Roland E., Jr. and Nancy C.
26	— MacPherson	George E. and Joan P.
July		
1	Eleanore Turner	Robert E. and Eleanore
3	Kathy Ann Ahlin	William A. and Margaret A.
8	Michael King Holden	Herbert W., Jr. and Virginia
9	Blair Timothy Cawley	Harvey and B. Beverly
9	Brenda Marilyn Bethune	Quentin C. and Marilyn E.
11	Gary Wayne Kittredge	Guy L., Jr. and Hazel M.
11	David Allan King	Albert R. and Joan P.
12	Linda Lee Messerheimer	Paul and Doris
12	Robert Steven Day	Robert F. and Shirley E.
13	Gary Leonard West	Leonard S. and Margaret M.
14	Peter Rowe Magnuson	John F. and Eleanor R.
15	Martha Kinsley Brown	Everett W., Jr. and Marie C.
17	Douglas Frost Kydd	William L., Jr. and Catherine G.
17	David Robin Colton	Albert H. and Gloria J.
19	Jeffrey Peckham Smart	John R. and Ruth A.
19	Donna Marie Flibotte	George A. and Ruth G.

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July		
19	Shawn Dennis Little	Lawrence N. and Natalie C.
21	Faye Sharon Nelson	Donald M. and Mabel A.
21	Anne Marie DiNapoli	Donald E. and Anne T.
22	Steven David White	George R. and Ruth E.
23	Deborah Ann Croce	Bernard A. and Evelyn R.
25	Thomas Edward Devaney	Michael V. and Ann Frances
25	Marjorie Ann Howell	John E. and Edith A.
29	Maria Lee Doucette	Stephen I. and Marietta J.

August

1	Judith Ann Druid	Henry C. and Nancy B.
2	Sheryl Jean Greenleaf	John S. and Marjory J.
2	Barbara Jean Tiney	Donald S. and Marilyn L.
3	Paul Murray Seavey	Walter E. and Shirley D.
3	Pamela Marie Doucette	Paul D. and Mary B.
5	Maureen Ann Hyslip	Kenneth M. and Mary E.
6	William David Venuti	Frank and Lillian G.
7	Sharon Stone	Peter J. and Elizabeth T.
8	Diane Elise Snow	Kenneth L. and Beverly P.
8	Arthur Brent Adams	Arthur W. and Ethel F.
17	Anthony William Butler	James T. and Ruth L.
17	William Emerson O'Brien, Jr.	William E. and Barbara B.
19	Mary Ann Iannelli	Dominic A. and Carmella E.
20	Marcia Audrey Branagan	Robert C. and Sylvia L.
21	Gregory Dwight Meads	Bradley G. and Marilyn J.
22	Susan Elizabeth Nyberg	Frederick A. and Barbara L.
23	Sharon Kristine Williamson	Joseph D. and Diane F.
23	Nancy Elizabeth Wright	William and Natalie E.
24	Alan Craig Brown	Glenn E. and Nancy A.
25	Bruce Neal Asmussen	Frederick A. and Gertrude M.
27	Anne Evelyn Welin	Frank B. and Evelyn B.
27	Leslie Ann Martell	John T. and Ruth E.
27	Leonard Paul Hoyt, Jr.	Leonard P. and Patricia A.
28	John Philip Lynch	John F. and Jean M.
30	Sara Louise Parkman	Laurens T. and Elizabeth M.
30	James Michael McAuley	James E. and Patricia A.
30	Robert Ernest Johnson	Melvin E. and Marjorie G.

September

3	Michael Dean Griffin	James J. and Margaret
7	Cheryl Ann Bowen	Elwood W. and Barbara J.
8	Courtney Arno Grover	Robert M. and Shirley E.
14	Robert Willard Cornell	William F. and Janet V.
14	Francis Peter Keenan	Henry J. and Dorothy C.
16	Thomas Raymond Petrin	Raymond J. and Jean A.
16	Nancy Jean Chaplik	John V. and Rita E.

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Date	Name	Parents
September		
18	John Edward Struss	Thornton V. and Lorraine E.
19	Pauline Marie Cella	Louis M., Jr. and Jean M.
19	Brian Monahan	Richard J. and Rita A.
23	Kerry Stephen Bronk	Frank H. and Marjorie E.
23	Debra Louise Doyon	Maurice P. and Cecile A.
23	Paul Werner Scheffel	Stanley W. and Betty M.
23	Franklin Bardwell Miller	Franklin B. and Eleanor F.
23	William Weston MacBrien	William E. and Norma H.
23	Jane Ellen DiDonato	James C. and Marie A.
23	— Berry	James O. and Eliza J.
28	Deborah Anne Corrado	Joseph W. and Irene C.
28	Malcolm Stuart White, 3rd	Malcolm S., Jr. and Florence E.
29	Deborah Ruth Shaw	Richard P. and Ruth V.
30	Christina Diana Berch	Joseph C. and Doris M.
October		
1	Linda Beth Merrifield	Richard A. and Jane G.
1	Lester Warren Bowen, Jr.	Lester W. and Dorothy L.
2	Robert Lewis Greenleaf	George L. and Marian A.
4	Anthony Paul Cioto	Anthony and Mildred
5	Janet Elaine Mangion	Raymond C. and Jennie I.
5	Paul Willis Tilton	Robert A. and Dorothy E.
8	David James Cady	Harold E. and Marilyn L.
9	Kathleen Ann Fennelly	William A. and Leona M.
9	Norine Ann McLaughlin	Francis C. and Ruth T.
9	Wendy Lee McQuesten	Ernest H. and Verna M.
9	Sally Ann Johnston	Howard E. and Ruth
12	Linda Stoddard	Joseph R. and Charlotte
13	Bradley Earle Steele, Jr.	Bradley E. and Pauline M.
14	Janet Leigh Prince	Francis A. and Barbara W.
14	Patricia Feran	James J. and Betsey
15	Robert Ernest Dennison	Robert A., Jr. and Nancy A.
15	Deborah Bernice Killam	Dudley B. and Flora B.
15	Kenneth George Kaulbach	George H. and Agnes R.
16	— Staples	William S. and Joan
18	John Stevens Bunton, Jr.	John S. and Gayle M.
24	Andrew John Arsenault	Leo O. and Kathleen B.
24	Anne Hurley Hinnendael	Francis H. and Gertrude E.
24	Glenn Alan Macomber	Willis H. and Constance F.
27	Wayne Eric Willman	Thomas H. and Florence A.
28	Sandra Margaret Harlow	Norman L. and Eleanor M.
28	Stephen Michael Maher	Thomas F. and Gertrude J.
29	James Alan Ranlett	James T. and Janice A.
30	Charles Arthur Ranaghan	Charles A. and Mary F.
30	Janet Arlene Kennedy	Robert F. and Beatrice A.

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Date	Name	Parents
November		
1	Casilda, Jean Rubio	Carlos M. and Mary
5	Stephen Gerard Chaffee	Edwin W. and Mary E.
5	John Everett Weed, Jr.	John E. and Virginia B.
5	Kathleen Louise Brennan	Francis G. and Catherine E.
6	Dane Michael Hubbard	Ernest H. and Betty E.
6	— Sullivan	James J., Jr. and Mary G.
6	Karen Therese Wilson	Arthur J. and Mary K.
7	Marcia Jean Whalen	John J. and Mary M.
8	Carol Marie Spearin	Roger L. and Joan M.
9	Nancy Elizabeth Cutter	Charles A. and Cora E.
10	Pamela Sussmann	Philip B. and Natalie D.
11	Keith Laurence Dissel	John B. and Muriel
11	Gail Ann Brown	Richard D. and Gladys A.
11	Carolyn Juel Jaques	William D. and Stella F.
12	Susan Jean Howe	Richard T. and Jean M.
12	Pamela Gerity	John F. and Marie S.
13	Michael Douglas Doucette	Douglas P., Jr. and Katherine L.
14	David Keith Doherty	Kenneth A. and Dorothy M.
15	David John Louanis	John D. and Cynthia A.
17	Nancy Irene Bellantoni	Natale T. and Irene L.
18	Dwight David Gagnon	David C. and Anita E.
19	Danny Kevin Devine	Alfred S. and Anne E.
19	Cheryl Ann Dacey	Charles E. and Barbara L.
19	— Reilly	John J. and Elizabeth
21	Brett William Christenson	Charles O. and Myrtle P.
22	Virginia Mae Jaynes	Gilbert A. and Alice B.
22	Constance Marie Hoyt	Carl Howard, Jr. and Dorothy I.
23	Deborah Ann Boyd	Stanley W., Jr. and Shirley J.
23	Robert Edward Woodruff, Jr.	Robert E. and Muriel
26	Holly Beatrice Eddinger	Ralph T. and LaVerna F.
27	John Eric Van Schalkwyk	Richard and Pauline A.
27	Cynthia Morrill Kiely	Kelvin H. and Julia J.
29	Peter Charles Comeau	Francis E. and Eva M.
30	John Frederick Clemens	John W. and Dorothy E.
30	Scott Ralph Whittemore	Wayne E. and Alice M.
30	Lisa Ann Whittemore	Wayne E. and Alice M.
December		
1	— Robinson	Donald and Eleanor
1	Donald Charles Crimmings	David C. and Anne B.
1	— Coulter	William T. and Audrey R.
2	Dale Alison Emmons	Francis C. and Dagmar
4	Rebecca Wilbur Wales	Robert L. and Ruth W.
5	Douglas David Cameron	Charles S. M. and Barbara J.
6	Mary Carol Carew	Thomas W. and Frances V.

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Date	Name	Parents
December		
7	Rita Priscilla Richards	Robert H. and Theresa L.
7	Janice Reed Howland	Charles H. and Norma E.
10	Robin Allen Fontaine	Roland J. and Alice B.
10	Robin Hollis Harm	Milton D. and Patricia M.
14	Thomas Lee Harrison	James R. and Patricia C.
28	Cynthia Winsor Bruce	Winsor and Hazel P.

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December

5	Karen Ann Smith	Gordon N. and Barbara
18	Joseph James Watson	John J. and Alice M.
24	Jeffrey Scott Dick	Sterling and Evelyn
29	Timothy John Prince	Paul N. and Lucille D.

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November

11	Gordon Burbeck Gilchrist	Burbeck B. and Dorothy G.
13	Jane Elizabeth Keenan	James P. and Audrey E.
15	Francis Alfred Flateau	Frank J., Jr. and Eleanor
18	Herbert Willis MacLeod III	Herbert W., Jr. and Marilyn D.
27	Margaret Ann Redmond	Robert L. and Sara A.

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27	Kenneth James Spurr	John A. and Frances P.
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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1954

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
5	Alfred Reginald Stembridge	63	Broker	Reading
	Beulah Studley Magee	51	Secretary	Brockton
7	Harry Edward Hopper	56	Salesman	Michigan
	Helen Fowler Jewett	60	At home	Michigan
16	Ernest Joseph Arsenault	21	Lineman	Reading
	Louisa Theresa Deniso	21	Bookkeeper	Wakefield
17	Robert Andrew Carter	26	Engineer	East Boston
	Mary Elizabeth Ferrick	27	Tel. Operator	Reading
17	Charles Osborne Hamilton	20	U.S. Army	North Reading
	Shirley Florence Fleming	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
23	Otis Leland Anderson, Jr.	28	N.E. Tel. & Tel.	Reading
	Lois Ives Cohill	30	Homemaker	Reading
24	Lendall Nelson Stilphen, Jr.	22	Fishing	Maine, Orrs Island
	Patricia Ann Roderick	20	At home	Reading
29	Nils George Anderson	24	Credit Reporter	Malden
	Patricia May Connelly	19	Secretary	Reading
30	Donald Kaye Tipton	21	U.S. Navy	Detroit, Mich.
	Jane Thelma Garden	19	Underwriter	Reading
30	Thomas Cornish Tower	20	U.S. Army	Reading
	Janet Carol Iverson	17	At home	Reading
February				
3	John Edward Mansfield	70	Retired Carpenter	Reading
	Stella Blanche J. Littlehale	76	Homemaker	Reading
6	Philip Martin Johnson	20	Student	Reading
	Nancy Jean Davis	21	Student	Reading
6	Richard Francis Wall	30	Plasterer	Reading
	Wanda Lavinia Rockwood	29	At home	Cambridge
6	George Joseph Murdock, Jr.	20	Student	Reading
	Sally Graham Lothrop	19	Student	Reading
12	Eugene Alfred Smith	28	Iron Worker	Malden
	Mary Louise Squires	26	Clerk	Reading
13	John Edward Wilson, Jr.	32	Shipper	Somerville
	Margaret Marcella Larson	32	Bookkeeper	Reading
14	Joseph Rudolph Cusato	28	Roofing	Wakefield
	Ann Frances Halloran	25	Tel. Operator	Reading
19	Richard Arthur Merrifield	19	Student	Melrose
	Jane Grey Decatur	17	Student	Reading
20	James Hugh Phillips	22	Student	Winchester
	Frances Rice Dodd	23	Secretary	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
February				
20	Cecil Wentworth Miller	34	Planning Supervisor	Reading
	Ann Weston Reading	32	School Teacher	Boston
27	Arthur Eli Doucette	27	Mason	Reading
	Mary Rose Angiuoni	24	Secretary	Woburn
March				
2	Philip Longfellow Jewett, Jr.	35	Carpenter	Reading
	Mary R. Queenan	28	At home	Reading
2	George Edward Marchant, 3rd	17	Gas Station Att.	Wakefield
	Carol Jean White	17	At home	Reading
6	Kenneth Murray Hyslip	19	Truck driver	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Tower	18	At home	Reading
27	Donald Ernest Funk	33	Dope mixer	Reading
	Maybelle L. Skidmore	30	At home	Reading
April				
4	Dale Miller Povenmire	23	U.S. Navy	Lakewood, Ohio
	Marilyn Joan Ross	21	Student	Reading
4	Carl Gustave Mason	23	Machinist	Reading
	Evelyn Mae Reynolds	19	At home	Wilmington
4	Fred Fairney	25	Salesman	Wakefield
	Jean Ann Rippe	22	Secretary	Reading
5	Albert Emilio Lawrence	25	Public Relations	Quincy
	Emma Yolanda Giunta	28	Secretary	Wakefield
10	Arthur Bowker Pell	29	Accountant	Lynn
	Beryle Wynne Sansom	20	Asst. teller	Reading
10	Carl John Lawson	53	Painter	Barrington, R.I.
	Betty Eleanor Erlandson	41	Clerk	Providence, R.I.
16	Samuel Andrew Zalutka, Jr.	21	Steward	Ithaca, N.Y.
	Marjorie Joyce Clapp	19	Clerk	Reading
17	Robert Henry Anderson	24	Insulation	Reading
	Lois Catherine Davis	18	Student	Reading
17	Ralph Edward Binney	27	Time study—engineer	Reading
	Carol Lois Knight		Secretary	Arlington
18	Frank Crawford Reed	28	Loan Manager	Reading
	Theresa Genevieve Ryan	24	Expense clerk	Boston
18	George Warren Sprague, Jr.	23	Unemployed	Reading
	Jean Marie O'Donnell	18	Sorter	Reading
19	Richard Thomas Ahearn	26	Correction Officer	Reading
	Hilda Payne	23	Clerk	Malden

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
24	Niles A. Peterson, Jr.	30	Asst. Manager	Falmouth
	Mary Davis	25	Receptionist	Reading
24	Earl Charles Stewart	22	Driver	Reading
	Ruth Marie Pendergast	21	Bookkeeper	Wilmington
24	Robert Leon Penno	23	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Ann White	21	Secretary	Stoneham
25	Philip Warren Spencer	23	Photographer	Reading
	Barbara Ann Fuller	21	Medical Secretary	Melrose
May				
1	Edward Joseph Truscello	21	Material Handler	Arlington
	Jean Elizabeth Meuse	22	Dressmaker	Reading
2	Ronald Joseph Finlay	27	U.S. Air Force	East Boston
	Margaret Frances Hynes	21	Typist	Reading
7	Glenn Dee Cecil	* 34	U.S.C.G.	Ellinwood, Kansas
	Allison Irene Watson	31	Asst. Manager	Reading
8	Richard Joseph Reppucci	20	U.S. Army	Reading
	Dorothy Ann Silva	17	File Clerk	Medford
9	John William LaPrise	29	U.S. Navy	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
	Patricia-Ann Helen Dunn	25	American Airlines	Reading
9	Raymond Albion Nichols	34	Accountant	Reading
	Carolyn Chapman	33	Clerk	Wollaston
15	Raymond Joseph Doucette	24	Painter and Glazier	Reading
	Doris Mary Arsenault	21	Clerk	Chelsea
15	Richard Henderson Moody	29	Textile Supt.	Andover
	Barbara Ellen Garey	22	Student	Reading
16	Louis Albert Dulong	22	U.S. Navy	Wakefield
	Catherine Theresa Aglio	22	Unemployed	Reading
16	Robert Henry Scott	26	Leather Finisher	Woburn
	Marjorie Lois Nickerson	25	Accounting Clerk	Reading
16	Norman Franklin Dufresne	21	Truck Driver	Reading
	Grace Naomi King	18	At home	Tewksbury
16	Henry William Herook	30	Printer	Greenwood
	Johanna Christine Worcester	19	Secretary	Reading
16	William Joseph Webb, Jr.	29	Police Officer	Reading
	Beverly Ann Keefe	25	Telephone Operator	Reading
19	John Edwin Boyden, 2nd	18	U.S. Marine	Reading
	Doris Joan Pellerin	21	Salesgirl	Wilmington
29	James Nicholas Down	21	Town Employee	Wilmington
	Fay Elizabeth McCauley	19	Typist	Reading
29	Donald Gile Goodwin	27	Sales Trainee	Reading
	Shirley Irene Wallstrom	21	Secretary	Arlington

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
5	Paul Michael Cahill	27	Credit Manager	Reading
	Theresa Alba Fish	29	Cashier	Malden
5	John Richard Comita	24	Service Man	Winchester
	Marion Jean O'Malley	20	Clerk	Reading
5	John Anton Jungherr	21	Student	Storrs, Conn.
	Elizabeth Marie Elwell	21	Student	Reading
5	Wilbur Rice Banks	60	Mechanic	Reading
	Marion Gladys Dowling			
	Munday	60	Hotel worker	Lexington
5	Russell John LeFave	26	Bus driver	Reading
	Nancy Marie Litchfield	20	Stenographer	Reading
5	Franz Richard Schneider	24	Student	Berkeley, Cal.
	Nancy McCabe	22	Registered Nurse	Reading
6	Donald Clark Harris	21	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Julia Ann Huber	21	Nurse	E. Northfield
6	Frank Lawrence Kennedy, Jr.	20	Factory worker	Hudson, N.H.
	Mary Elizabeth Gaffney	20	Factory worker	Reading
6	Joseph James Gaffney	23	Beef loader	Reading
	Shirley Alberta Temple	18	At home	Wilmington
9	Robert Edward Shea	28	Foreman	Derry, N.H.
	Harmina DeGroot Porter	28	At home	Derry, N.H.
11	John Joseph Shea	21	Gas Attendant	Reading
	Constance Ruth Ducheneau	19	Factory worker	Lowell
12	Thomas John Kee, Jr.	20	Electronic technician	Malden
	Jane Cooper	18	Telephone operator	Reading
12	Earle Clifford Livingstone	22	Carpenter	Reading
	Myrna Gail Richardson	19	Secretary	Reading
13	Paul Gene Corrado	17	Student	Reading
	Coralie Jean Abell	17	Student	Reading
13	Richard Joseph Jarvis	19	Sheet metal worker	Reading
	Maryellen Veronica Kelley	17	Salesgirl	Everett
17	Donald Lang Miller	32	Banker	Reading
	Lillian Stenson Lary	37	Teacher	Somerville
18	Russell George Rogers	31	Shipping clerk	Reading
	Elizabeth Catherine Hawkes	24	Factory worker	Wakefield
20	Norman Katz	27	Draftsman	No. Conway, N.H.
	Joan Carroll	25	Teacher	No. Conway, N.H.
26	Robert Mathews Merrill	29	Planning engineer	Reading
	Dorothy Jean Costello	26	Teacher	Arlington
26	Peter Leo George	32	Machine operator	North Quincy
	Agnes Mary White	31	Telephone operator	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
26	William Irvin Wert	21	USAF	Reading, Pa.
	Margaret Ann Leighton	20	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.
26	George William Teare, Jr.	23	Marine Corps	Cleveland, Ohio
	Nancy Underwood Sawin	23	None	Reading
27	Gerald Francis DeVeau	19	Laborer	Wakefield
	Betty Ann Heselton	19	Bench work	Reading
26	Donald Goodwin Davis, Jr.	21	Student	Reading
	Janet Mary Alford	20	Secretary	Middletown, Conn.
27	Thomas Palmer Hinds	34	Manager	Reading
	Anna Gertrude Stanley	26	Clerk	Woburn
July				
3	George Arthur Clattenburg, Jr.	20	Machinist	Reading
	Alice Elizabeth MacDonald	22	Stenographer	Melrose
3	Shaun Francis Caisse	24	Clerk	Reading
	Alice Frances Nagle	18	Clerk	Stoneham
4	Donald Russell Millar	21	Garage	Reading
	Elizabeth Ann Cusato	19	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
8	Malcolm Norman Opland	20	Shoe Worker	Reading
	Domenica Battaglia	23	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
10	Philip R. White, Jr.	25	U.S. Army	Reading
	Emma L. Given	22	Teacher	Brunswick, Me.
25	Edward Goon Yuen	33	Electrical Engineer	Reading
	Florence Toyne Wong	31	Bank Teller	Waltham
August				
7	Richard Donald Sheridan	23	Student	Reading
	Margaret Theresa Hogan	22	Stenographer	Winchester
14	James Chapman Robinson	29	Shovel Operator	Reading
	Barbara Susanne Strozzi	22	Bookkeeper	Woburn
14	Calvin William Becker	29	Pastor	Juneau, Wisc.
	Phylis Gertrude Zagorski	22	At home	Reading
15	Donald Charles Murray	22	Student	Reading
	Mary Frances O'Brien	22	Telephone Operator	So. Boston
21	Joseph Bradford Kelly	24	Salesman	Reading
	June Dorothy Marschat	21	Secretary	Reading
22	Donald Bence Pick	22	Fireman	Reading
	Carol Ann Coughlin	19	Secretary	Arlington

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
August				
22	Fred Wesley Marcoux	28	Instructor	Reading
	Priscilla Ann Parker	21	School teacher	Malden
27	Kenneth Harley DuShane	22	Laborer	Stoneham
	Dorothy Mae Baker	18	At home	Reading
28	John Brooks Fairchild	30	Foreman	Reading
	Shirley Evelyn Mills	30	School Teacher	Everett
28	Kenneth Charles Hanson	24	Sign Painter	Reading
	Dorothy Elizabeth Colson	25	Clerk	Everett
23	James Michael Murdock	19	Student	Reading
	Beverly Ann Murphy	18	Secretary	No. Reading
23	John Sardella	26	Teacher	Wakefield
	Mary Shirley Connors	22	Teacher	Reading
September				
4	Kenneth Earle Gaw	32	Salesman	Reading
	Doris Anne Berry	22	Clerk	Reading
4	Albert Christopher Schutz	50	Purchasing Agt.	Lynn
	Hilda Grace Crosby	41	Clerk	Reading
4	Joseph Irving Deferrari	22	Student	Reading
	Joan Marilyn Carr	19	Clerk	Dorchester
4	Donald William Bateman	26	Machinist	Reading
	Patricia Diane Anderson	20	IBM operator	Gloucester
4	Robert Brueck Hill	25	Foreman	Arlington
	Doris Elaine Anderson	26	Secretary	Reading
11	Donald Peter Arsenault	23	Painter	Reading
	Rosalind Elaine Silva	22	Clerk	North Reading
12	James Joseph Varney	23	Unemployed	Reading
	Geraldine Brown	20	Clerk	Reading
18	Charles William Jensen	21	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Elizabeth Mary MacDonald	19	Clerk	Melrose
18	Robert David Webb	28	Analyst	Reading
	Mary Phyllis Neville	24	School Teacher	Nashua, N.H.
19	John Joseph Matanza	21	Truck Driver	Reading
	Marion Mary Kondrat	22	Western Electric	Lawrence
19	Willis Frederick Chipman	19	Clerk	Reading
	Santa Marie Masucci	19	Stenographer	Medford
25	Gilbert Henry Monty	23	Electronic technician	Lowell
	Charlotte Mae Runge	24	Bench worker	Reading
26	Ernest Eugene Schoepke	24	U.S. Navy	Minnesota
	Eileen Mary O'Malley	25	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
2	Donald Francis Belair	19	Shoe worker	North Reading
	Luvia Mae Drady	18	At home	Reading
3	James J. Scione	30	Laborer	Wakefield
	Ruth A. Benjamin	19	Nurse	Wakefield
3	Arthur William Steele	29	Brakeman	Reading
	Lois Palmer Nute	32	None	Reading
3	Edward Donovan	51	Fish dealer	Lanesville
	Denyse Pauline Carey	43	Lithographer	Reading
10	Berry Watson Arnold, Jr.	27	Administrator	Reading
	Carol Mary Andrews	20	Receptionist	Reading
15	Alfred William Boudreau	30	Laborer	Saugus
	Florence Gertrude Magnani	31	At home	Reading
16	Laurence Bradford Poole	24	Salesman	Stoneham
	Jo Ann Rowell	23	X-Ray technician	Reading
16	George Arthur Mansfield, Jr.	27	Truck driver	Wakefield,
	Virginia Alice Peva Warren	20	At home	Reading
23	Richard Thomas Trzepacz	23	Printer	West Warren
	Patricia Ann Murphy	24	Office work	Reading
23	Carl Albert Franson	60	Machinist	Reading
	Rose Ann Welch Toussaint	55	Housekeeper	Reading

November

7	Raymond Fenwick			
	Brundage, Jr.	33	Machinist	Reading
	Madeline Bertha Gottschalk	32	Secretary	Roslindale
11	John Francis Moran	40	Engineer	Boston
	Thelma Anne Harper	31	Secretary	Reading
13	Russell Pearson Goddard	47	Actuary	Pennsylvania
	Eleanor Keen Maxwell	42	At home	Reading
14	William Clarence Brown	23	U.S.A.F.	Reading
	Barbara Florence Coppinger	23	Tel. operator	Reading

December

4	Frederick William Allison	76	Retired	Winchester
	Ruth C. Corbett	66	Retired	Reading
7	John Edward Swenson	21	Printer	Reading
	Patricia Anne Kelleher	19	Dept. store	Boston
19	Martin Lewis Shapiro	30	Radio engineer	Reading
	Judith Eleanor Dunn	23	Speech therapist	Watertown
22	Neal J. Durgin	26	Student	Billerica
	Margaret Gottschalk	20	Student	Bronx, N.Y.

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
December				
22	Richard Melvin Carlson	22	U.S.A.F.	Reading
	Sonja Marie Christiansen	19	At home	Tewksbury
24	William Hayden Wyman	22	U.S. Army	Westminster
	Carolyn Joy Snow	22	Teacher	Reading
29	Peter F. Maccini	30	Hospital Attdt.	No. Grafton
	Marion L. Kilgore	27	Hospital Attdt.	No. Grafton
31	Thomas Leonard Hunt	23	Mechanical engineer	Lawrence
	Barbara Catherine Cullinane	22	Secretary	Reading

DELAYED RECORD OF MARRIAGE IN TOWN OF READING 1952

November

29	James Townsend Ranlett	21	_____	_____
	Janice Ann McCauley	18	_____	_____

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December

12	George Wheeler Hall, Jr.	22	Engineer	Reading
	Joan Marie Mooney	21	Secretary	Flushing, N.Y.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1954

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
2	Fred Leon Stoker	83	3	4	Cerebral hemorrhage
6	Emma Dora Newell (Bancroft)	96	5	6	Generalized arteriosclerosis
7	Alma Marie (Gamache) Ayotte	59	8	1	Carbon monoxide poisoning
8	Oriando Cornelius Moyer	80	6	5	Coronary thrombosis
9	Edward Gazarian	32	6	27	Meningitis
15	Celesta Chiesa Fulgoni	81	6	12	Cerebral hemorrhage
20	Louis Stanley Harris	64	6	25	Reticular Cell Sarcoma
21	Charles Frank Burnie	86	5	19	Arteriosclerosis
22	Gladys Mary (Carter) Corliss	27	2	23	Pulmonary embolus
23	Beatrice Maguire	65			Cerebral hemorrhage
23	Ellen L. Kelly	68	3	5	Myocardial infarction
24	Claudian F. Hill	65	8	13	Cerebral hemorrhage
25	Charles Edward Johnson	54	8	9	Pulmonary embolism
30	Willard Abbot Swan	105	4	26	Arteriosclerosis
31	Nellie Beatty Hobart	81	2	14	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
31	Debra Jean Iosua		3	11	Interstitial pneumonia
February					
4	James Nelson Boyd	63	0	12	Carcinoma of sigmoid and metastasis
7	George E. Lorgeree	53			Injuries—auto accident
12	Harry E. Eames	80	11	3	Chronic myocarditis
15	Mary O'Brien	63	10	12	Nephrosis
16	Christine Maude (Brown) Clark	76	11	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
18	Mary A. Chandler	92	5	2	Broncho-pneumonia
19	Georgianna W. Sprague	81	7	22	Cerebral hemorrhage
22	Emma Nichols Howard	77	3	17	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
23	Edith Priscilla Gleason	77	11	17	Cerebral thrombosis
24	Cora Mae (Atwood) Remick	81	5	2	Uraemia
25	Ralph W. Smith	69	6	9	Lobar pneumonia
27	Carl Johann Anderson	80	2	1	Myocardial failure
March					
9	Carolyn Beeler (Berry)	72	6	9	Generalized peritonitis
11	Emily Augusta (Thompson) Sargent	73	0	19	Hypertensive cardio vascular and renal disease
13	Bessie Shlifer	68			Metastatic carcinoma
15	Lawrence B. Flanders	65	4	21	Hodgkins disease
18	Guido Clerici	53		26	Multiple fractures, auto acdt.

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
20	Jessie May (Bancroft) Staples	83	7	14	Generalized Arteriosclerosis
22	Margaret Christian Bacon	74	8	21	Cerebral thrombosis
23	Emma Mary Wagner	46	8	6	Carcinomatosis
23	John Gordon Brennan	68	8	25	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
23	— Durland	0	0	0	Stillborn
24	John Marshall Smith	78	1	14	Heart disease
26	Mary Helen (Steeves) Ray	71	10	9	Parkinsons disease
27	Elmer Francis Young	73	10	5	Acute myocardial insufficiency
April					
6	Harvey Shaw Crocker	78	1	6	Multiple sclerosis
7	Baby Murphy	0	0	0	Stillborn
9	Annie Allen McLatchy	86	5	13	Cerebral hemorrhage
10	John J. Murray	80	5	29	Carcinoma of bladder
11	Gertrude A. (Upton) Eaton	75	1	22	Acute coronary thrombosis
12	Bertha Emma Gormlie (Miller)	67	6	2	Coronary thrombosis
16	Dennis Francis Cummings	86	9	21	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
16	George Almont Gould	55	1	12	Coronary thrombosis
18	Madeline (Doucette) Gallant	79	9	15	Sudden death
18	Maryanne Robinson	0	3	8	Chron. pulmonary disease
20	Madeline Mary Johnson (Frotton)	37	11	26	Laennec Cirrhosis of liver
23	Fred Howell Ashton	74	2	19	Carcinoma of rectum
26	Henry Orville Collins	56	8	0	Uremia
28	Alice Bell (Tuttle) Childs	72	4	24	Broncho-pneumonia
29	Ann Claire Lewis (Lyons)	79			Pulmonary embolization
29	Addie (Ray) Winsor	95	10	1	Generalized arteriosclerosis
May					
3	Margaret K. (Riley) Thornton	90	6	29	Coronary thrombosis
4	Robert D. Partridge	55	5	1	Spontaneous cerebral hemorrhage
7	Margaret Irving (Sloan) Ayer	79	6	25	Coronary thrombosis
8	Annie Maude (Henry) Miller	75	2	22	Senility
8	Gwendolyn Hall Newhouse	56	1	28	Coronary thrombosis
9	Ethel Lillian Martin	80	8	12	Cerebral thrombosis
13	Everett H. McRonald	53	9	19	Cerebral hemorrhage
13	Emily Francesca (Skerry) Willard	68	9	0	Coronary thrombosis
17	Bedford Osser Boone	92	2	25	Cerebral vascular accident
19	Sarah J. Lopez (Fisher)	77			Coronary heart disease following accident

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
May					
22	Lillian Mary (Hardy) Whidden	88	7	22	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
25	Charles Lester Higgins	69	8	12	Coronary thrombosis
25	— Hyslip	0	0	0	Knot in umbilical cord
25	Angelina (Mancini) Rossi	56			Hypertensive heart disease
26	Arthur Turner	48	6	7	Coronary thrombosis
26	Dominick Zanni	56	0	0	Cause undetermined
27	Richard Edwin Case			2	Anoxia
28	Michael M. Dwyer		7		Hydrocephalus
29	Margaret M. (Clark) Flaherty	77			Coronary thrombosis
30	Cora Bosworth Parsons	82	5	21	Carcinoma of right breast
31	Catherine E. (O'Brien) Long	65			Cerebral hemorrhage
June					
3	Henry S. Griffin	56	1	8	Astrocytoma
3	Helen Gerry Jones	60	9	15	Heart disease
4	James Lesley Healey	79			Malignant growth
4	Grace (Dyer) Johnson	79	11	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
4	Richard Robert Morris	6	8	5	Congenital heart disease
8	Flora Myrtle Brooks (Hall)	64	1	20	Pancreatitis
12	Maud (Batchelder) McNeal	83	5	23	Lobar pneumonia
17	Laura Haigh Sidebottom	78			Probable coronary occlusion
17	Thomas Hoey	69			Cerebral thrombosis
18	Eugene Durfee	74	10	28	Bronchiopneumonia
21	Edgar Miller Gilman	62	2	19	Acute myocardial infarction
23	Leslie A. Scott	30	4	11	Hodgkin's disease
24	Frederick William Burns	68	6	25	Cerebral thrombosis
24	Laura Idelia (Kerhune) Johnson	84	3	1	Heart bloc
26	John W. Goff	69	9	10	Coronary thrombosis
26	Leon Girard Loring Bent	82	1	3	Paralysis agitans
27	Elizabeth G. (Edwards) Griffin	55	8	5	Coronary occlusion
28	Jane T. Kenny	76			Cerebral hemorrhage
July					
3	Angie Velma Eastman Hamblen	87	7	28	Cerebral and general arterio-sclerosis
4	Robert M. Brown	53	9	28	Heart disease—sudden death
9	Alfred William Rooney	81		28	Heart disease—sudden death
9	Elin Victoria Lawson (Clason)	66	3	14	Cardiac decompensation

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
July					
12	Florence (Buckle) Harnden	75	2	6	Acute myocardial insufficiency
14	Betsy Kimmond High	82	3	20	Cerebral thrombosis
14	Cecelia Mary (Pineau) Perry	67	0	0	Pulmonary edema
20	Margaret E. Collum	86	6		Coronary occlusion
20	Oscar W. Devery	73			Heart disease
21	Isabella S. Miller	68	11	27	Carcinoma of rectum
30	Elizabeth M. DeTour	78			Acute myocardial insufficiency
31	William Everett Small	69	3	25	Heart disease—sudden death
August					
1	Eva (Houghton) Hills	77	6	16	Cerebral thrombosis
2	George Thorburn	59	0	0	Acute myocardial infarct
2	Fred T. Gallagher	29	9	0	Struck by automobile
5	— White		0	0	Stillborn
5	William Maynard	75	10	12	Genitourinary infection
5	Gertrude A. Jarvis	49	0	0	Pulmonary embolism
6	Elizabeth T. (Carter) Prescott	57	7	12	Carcinoma
9	William Arthur Booth	71	9	18	Heart disease
11	Lena Evelyn Lufkin (Nickerson)	70	0	0	Hemorrhage
12	Frank Truman Simpson	78	9	10	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
13	Charles McSheehy	50	6	27	Pulmonary embolism
14	Mary T. (Stumbles) Burhoe	72	2	26	Congestive failure
14	Catherine A. (Power) Varrell	66	0	0	Heart disease
17	Ralph Ernest Van Horn	40	11	19	Heart disease—coronary occlusion
20	Henry J. Manley	82	6	6	Myocardial infarction
26	Bertha A. (Schaefer) Quigley	80	1	4	Acute myocardial infarction
26	Bernard Peterson	79	3	28	Myocardial failure
31	Sharon Eleanor Crosby	1	0	26	Drowned
September					
3	Agnes L. (Reid) Herrick	74	5	22	Cerebral hemorrhage
5	Arthur Brown Richards	66	0	10	Adenocarcinoma
8	Kenneth L. Brown	29	5	6	Intracranial hemorrhage
11	Julia Frances Spinney	90	3	19	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
14	Clara Emily Douglass	71	5	11	Cerebral vasc. thrombosis
16	Emma A. (Ordway) Quimby	94	2	27	Cerebral hemorrhage
16	Arthur L. Stanley	72	6	2	Heart disease—sudden death
18	Emily White (Hatfield)	77			Cerebral hemorrhage
19	Alice (Livingston) Dean	80	2	1	Uraemia
20	Annabell C. Wyman	79			Uraemia

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
September					
23	— Berry				Stillborn
24	Florence C. (MacQuarrie) Hill	76	7	7	Pneumonitis
26	Florence D. (Nichols) Eames	70	2	21	Cerebral hemorrhage
October					
4	Katherine B. Dissel	70	7	29	Bronchopneumonia
4	Grace Hushen O'Brien	65			Generalized arteriosclerosis
6	Walter Duncan Driscoll	3	8	0	Leukemia
15	Albert Thomas Maddock	73			Bronchopneumonia
15	Angie M. (Rudolph) Whitaker	86	3	13	Chronic myocardial degeneration
16	Austin F. Bennett	59	1	1	Heart disease—sudden death
17	Elsie Margaret Campbell	52	8	24	Uremia
19	Elizabeth V. Thorn	82	8	20	Heart disease—sudden death
20	Frederick H. Johnson	81	2	26	Carcinomatosis
22	Prospier R. Perry	77	10	4	Acute cerebral hemorrhage
23	Catherine (Power) Ricker	86	6	28	Cerebral hemorrhage
24	Sarah Mitchell Clark	85	0	19	Natural causes
27	Carrie E. (Wiggin) Rogers	84	0	23	Congestive failure
27	Agnes White (Lefave)	81	8	27	Congestive failure
29	Ralph Rogers Gibson	65	3	7	Carcinoma—right lung
31	William Dick	69	4	7	Bronchopneumonia
31	Baby Boy Maher			36 hrs.	Pneumonia
November					
2	Annie J. Clements	89	0	7	Bronchopneumonia
4	Grace E. (Skillen) Poore	73	8	25	Cerebral thrombosis
4	Eva Webster	64	4	25	Myocardial infarction
7	— Sullivan			1	Pneumonia
9	Frank Shediak	51	7		Crushed by MTA train
10	Rev. Wm. M. Crawford	89	8	25	Benign prostatism
21	Catherine L. Doherty (Cullinane)	72	4	23	Carcinoma of uterus
21	Margaret M. Baxter (Hosford)	78			Carcinoma
22	Silas Henry Carroll	77	10	15	Mesenteric thrombosis
23	Georgie E. (Dalrymple) Decatur	85	1	5	Coronary thrombosis
24	Archer Norton Prentiss	42	5	28	Cirrhosis of liver
28	Llewellyn R. Hire	62	4	4	Amyotrophia lateral sclerosis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
December					
1	James L. Gagnon	60	9	18	Gastro intestinal bleeding
1	Infant Robinson	2 hrs.			Prematurity
8	George A. Brown	87	2	27	Coronary thrombosis
9	John G. Moore	79	2		Coronary occlusion
11	Baby Boy Harm	15	hours	30 min.	
19	Margaret J. Richards	73	1	3	Cerebral thrombosis
21	Homer W. Holden	71	1	28	Rupture of aortic aneuysm
22	Lillias C. Pierce	90	2	30	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
22	Roger A. Lyon	69	1	29	Coronary thrombosis
23	Annie M. Allard	76	4	6	Coronary occlusion
28	John Angus Bell	71	4	3	Cerebral hemorrhage
29	Maurice O. Reebeacker	57	2	24	Heart disease—sudden death
31	Frank J. Collins, Jr.	22	4	21	Hemorrhage

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MID-WIVES

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)

(As Amended By Chapter 326, Section One, Acts of 1939)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgement of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within 15 days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided that if said report is not so made within forty-eight

hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health, a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

General Laws, Chapter 111

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board organized at a special meeting March 1, 1954 as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman

Lawrence Drew

James E. Calvin, Secretary

Boyd H. Stewart, Clerk

Regular meetings were held every Monday evening with the exception of the summer months when they were held every other Monday evening, and special meetings were held whenever necessary. We followed our usual custom of furnishing the Reading Chronicle with a condensed agenda of the meetings of the Board each week. The several departments under the jurisdiction of this Board have made their reports which appear on other pages.

Several meetings were held with representatives of the Boston and Maine Railroad regarding improvement of the appearance and parking facilities at the depot. We are pleased to report this work has been completed and a large area set aside for off street parking. This has greatly relieved the traffic congestion at the depot during the rush hours.

Several conferences were held with U.S. Army Officers Corps of Engineers, New England Division, in regard to placing a radar installation on Bear Hill and launching site at Reading Rifle and Revolver Club. The work is now in progress, and these various pieces of land will become restricted areas. However, we are sure the utmost hospitality will be extended to the citizens of Reading by the U.S. Army officials should any citizen be interested in this project.

On August 23, 1954, the Board executed a deed for a 50-foot strip of land on John St. to the William J. Walker Company for \$2,500.00. The sale of this land will open a large tract of otherwise inaccessible land.

A state of emergency was declared by your Board at a special meeting called for that purpose on August 31 as a result of a devastating visit by hurricane "Carol." This meeting was necessary in order that proper departments might expend money for cleaning up the debris and for the protection of life and property.

The Board sponsored a United Nations Day which was held at the new high school on October 24 under the leadership of the League of Women Voters. This was to give the citizens of Reading a better opportunity to see the way of life of our neighbors in the United Nations and also to explain the purpose and aims of this tremendous body.

A joint meeting was held with the Board of Library Trustees on November 8 for the purpose of appointing Mr. Robert Stewart to fill the vacancy on that Board caused by the untimely death of Mr. Kenneth Brown.

Four Patrolmen were appointed to the Police Department. They were Evan P. Edwards, Fred Granelli, Joseph W. Cormier, and Leonard P. Hoyt, and John Beaudoin was reinstated. This brings the strength of the the department to twenty Patrolmen, three Sergeants, and a Chief.

We have one Patrolman, Officer William H. Dewsnap, acting as an inspector in plain clothes.

The Board held many hearings throughout the past twelve months regarding storage of gasoline, restraining of dogs, relocating bus routes, and amusement license for pony rides.

The committee to study the recreational facilities, access roads, etc., at Birch Meadow in conjunction with the new high school was appointed at follows: William B. Herrick, C. Lyman Richardson, William H. Dolben, Jr., and Gilbert M. Lothrop. This committee is to report on their study at the Annual Town Meeting in March 1955.

Also a committee was appointed for the purpose of reorganizing the Reading Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce. Carl Sawyer was appointed chairman for the reorganization. The committee for Christmas lighting was appointed with William Schmidt as chairman. After several meetings, the former Chamber of Commerce was reactivated with great enthusiasm, and we look forward with a great deal of pride to the rebirth of many of their activities which helped make Reading such an outstanding town just a few years ago.

It was with deep regret that the Board of Selectmen, on November 1, 1954, voted to retire Mr. Luke Halpin, a member of the faculty of Reading High School, because of ill health. He has been a shining beacon for over thirty years to the young people of Reading in guiding them in their many careers so that to this very day he still receives "thank you" letters from those who were helped by his wisdom. Good Luck, Luke, and may you have many happy years of retirement.

On October 18, the School Department relinquished all rights and jurisdiction of the old high school building on Sanborn Street. It is the hope of this Board that this building may become a community center for Reading, and a committee has been appointed to make a study for the rehabilitation of this building, to advise this Board of this very broad picture and its possibilities. This, of course, is in the event that the building may never be used for school purposes again.

A great deal of time was spent by this Board in its efforts to bring to Reading the insurance company which has now decided to locate in an adjoining town due to cheaper land cost and a better view for a business office, overlooking the lake.

It is the opinion of your Board that as much forward thinking as is possible be given to the various problems which we anticipate will become a reality at some future date, possibly in some cases sooner than expected. If the Town continues to expand, particularly in the outskirts, additional manpower and equipment must be provided for both our Police and Fire Departments. We prophesy that the Police Station is large enough to fulfill the Town's requirements for some time to come. This cannot be said, however, of the Fire Department stations. The following gives food for thought with respect to fire protection.

1. The necessity of more adequate coverage of the west side of the Town. Money has been appropriated to make a survey of the feasibility of building a new station or remodeling the old one; also as to whether or not more equipment such as a ladder truck to be housed there and the required personnel to man it are necessary. We

must remember that most of our rest homes as well as a tremendous growth has taken place on the west side.

2. The possibility of adding to the floor space of the Central Fire Station on the lower level to house additional equipment.

3. Shall we need a third fire station and personnel on the north side of town?

4. The possibility of having to add to the budget of the Tree and Moth Department in the years to come to take care of the demands of State and County for more efficient control of the various bugs, beetles, etc., that plague us, and in some instances appear to have become immune to the effects of insecticides currently in use.

5. If there is need for more playgrounds, land takings should be made while it can be had at a reasonable price. The taking of land in developed areas is usually very expensive.

We realize that some of the subjects mentioned do not come under the jurisdiction of this Board, but we believe that the citizens are entitled to know of our long range thinking on the subjects mentioned and on all those that will be brought up from time to time either through the medium of the Chronicle or at Town Meetings.

It is again our privilege to express our appreciation for the co-operation received from the Police Reserve Association and the Auxiliary Fire Department for the help they rendered throughout the year and to all town departments for the tremendous job which they did through hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna." There was a display of cooperation, and all town departments worked as a team for the good of all.

Likewise, we thank the Finance Committee and all other town departments with whom we have worked throughout the year for their splendid cooperation and to the many committees appointed for the good job which they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. CALVIN, Secretary

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To The Board of Selectmen
Reading, Massachusetts

The undersigned submit their report for the Board of Appeal of the Town for the year 1954.

The Board heard 23 cases on 12 hearing days. 20 were for variations of the Zoning By-Laws and 3 were requests for permits under the Building Code. Of the total, 19 were granted and 4 were denied. 2 variations of the Zoning By-Law that were granted were appealed by the Planning Board and action on these is pending.

At the close of the year, all petitions brought before the Board had been heard and decisions rendered.

ERNEST L. NIGRO
LAWRENCE A. INGHAM
GERALD E. FOSBROKE

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

January 18, 1955

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report for the year 1954 as follows:

The three outstanding claims for damages for taking of easements in land for the construction and maintenance of trunkline sewer to serve the new High School have been settled under authority of vote of the Law Committee and the necessary confirmatory deeds and releases were prepared and recorded as required by law.

Tax titles were foreclosed in the Land Court and prosecuted to final decree and proceedings under the Low Value Statue were commenced and concluded by the sale of the property.

Taking was made by eminent domain of the White property in Birch Meadow for school purposes, title examined and settlement has been made and the necessary release deeds were prepared and executed by the owners.

Deed was prepared of lot of land on John Street near Reading-Wakefield boundary line sold by the Selectmen for \$2500.00 and the papers were passed and the transaction closed. The details of the acquisition of land for the enlargement of the Forest Glen Cemetery were supervised by me. Options were prepared, titles examined, deeds were drafted, necessary plan and survey made, papers passed and transaction concluded. Options were prepared and executed by the owners for proposed acquisition of additional land in Birch Meadow for school purposes, and land and buildings on Woburn Street for the contemplated development of the Fire Hose House building now located on said street.

I have collected certain accounts due the Town under the Old Age Assistance Law and have prepared and delivered the discharges of Real Estate liens and have filed in the Probate Court notices of claims against the Estate of deceased persons.

Three suits were brought against the Town in Middlesex Superior Court resulting from accidents on the highways. A petition for assessment of damages resulting from taking of land for the layout of access streets to the new High School and action has been commenced by the City of Boston seeking reimbursement for welfare aid furnished to individuals having a legal settlement in the Town.

Several claims have been made against the Town for personal injuries and damages to motor vehicles resulting from accidents on the highways and several claims have been made resulting from blasting operations carried on by Board of Public Works. Four claims have been settled by approval of the Law Committee. Pending accident case involving serious injuries to a claimant now deceased has been settled by the Law Committee subject to the approval and appropriation by the Town.

Three appeals from the decision of the Board of Appeal under the local zoning law have been taken by the Planning Board in the Middlesex Superior Court.

Two appeals from the Board of Assessors valuation of Real Estate have been settled before the Appellate Tax Board. One appeal is still pending before the Tax Board.

Contracts and lease between the Town and United States Government relating to the radar station on Bear Hill has had my attention and approval. I have also examined and approved contract for grading of the grounds around the new High School, contract for joint pole locations between Telephone Company and the Town acting by and through the Municipal Light Board, and contract with respect to the furnishing of electric services to the Government for the Army Radar Station in the Town.

I have attended on Monday evenings throughout the year the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen and as provided by the regulations of the Town, I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office including in part appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecution of claims in behalf of the Town, opinions to all Town Boards and Committees, investigation of accident cases and claims against the Town, drafting deeds, releases, redemption deeds, retirement of veterans employed by the Town, decisions in dog cases, articles and motions for Town meetings, proof of claim in Bankruptcy for Electric Light Department, releases for payment of wages due deceased employees, preparation and filing of pleadings in the Superior, District and Land Courts, preparation of forms under the new Sub-division Control Law and such other legal matters referred to me for my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

December 31, 1954

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Municipal Building
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year 1954.

I have canvassed the Town to see that all dogs have been licensed. All complaints have been investigated.

For the year ending December 13, 1954, there were 42 unlicensed dogs caught.

28 dogs were disposed of for the county.

11 dogs were reclaimed by the owners.

3 dogs were sold for the county.

75 dead animals disposed of for the Board of Health.

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and all others who gave me assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 7, 1955

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Municipal Building
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Police Department for 1954 is hereby submitted.

The following Officers were appointed permanent Police Officers
Jan. 1, 1954:

Joseph W. Cormier
Fred Granelli

Evan P. Edwards
Leonard P. Hoyt

These men having served as Temporary Officers from July 1, 1953.

In May of 1954 John F. Beaudoin rejoined the Department after a year's absence, this filled the vacancy caused by the failure of a temporary Officer to pass the Civil Service requirements.

Following are the arrests and other services performed by this Department:

Arrests

Drunkenness	165
Breaking and Entering	6
Larceny	9
Assault and Battery	8
Non-Support	12
Manslaughter	1
Arrests for other Departments on warrants	5
Lottery	1
Juvenile Delinquents in Court	3

Automobile Violations

In Court	81	
Sent to Registry	309	
Automobile accidents investigated	159	
Lost children returned	10	
Bicycles Recovered	34	
Value of stolen property recovered		\$ 4,786.00
Ambulance trips	243	
Ambulance Fees Collected		\$ 1,345.00
Bicycle Registration Fees		\$ 126.50
Fines assessed by Woburn District Court		\$ 2,080.00

The following is the Automotive Equipment of the Department:

1 1946 Cadillac Ambulance	Mileage	32,500
1 1950 Chevrolet Sedan	"	35,500
1 1954 Ford Sedan	"	28,750
1 1954 Ford Sedan	"	28,890
1 1954 Ford Sedan	"	6,250

No report would be complete without an expression of appreciation of the fine co-operation of the men of this Department and all the Town Officers and their Departments.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, special thanks for the continued aid and co-operation.

To the men of the Reading Police Reserves who continue to serve our Town so ably and without recompense, thanks for another year of excellent service.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND E. ELLIS
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The undersigned submit their report for the Planning Board of the Town for the year 1954.

Meetings of the Board have been held during the year and the Board has engaged in a number of activities, the most important of which are as follows:

1. Attendance at various hearings of the Board of Appeal and such other public hearings that concern our Board;
2. The Board heard various inquiries, proposals and recommendations of the citizens and other interested persons;
3. A public hearing was held and Articles entered in the Town Warrant for action by the citizens at the regular Town Meeting in regard to changes in lot sizes and frontages;
4. Various members of our Board were appointed to serve as members of the Capital Budgeting Committee and a Joint Committee to Study School Facilities;
5. Legal action was taken against the Board of Appeal in regard to various decisions handed down by same as a result of public hearings held by said Board;
6. The Planning Board acted with other Boards and Town Officials as required.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman
BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR., Secretary
ROBERT G. CLINCH
ERNEST A. CORINDIA
CHARLES A. WILSON

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Fred L. Nutter, Chairman	Term expires	1955
M. Russell Meikle, Secretary	" "	1956
David E. Hersee	" "	1956
William P. Pierpont	" "	1955
Edouard N. Dube	" "	1957
Ernest E. Brown	" "	1957

Superintendent
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Office
Room 5, Municipal Building

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The Board of Cemetery Trustees,
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the two Town Cemeteries, Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954, and the Department's 217th year of operation, (first burial Dec. 7, 1737), is herewith submitted.

Our records show 112 interments for the year. The statistics for the calendar year 1954 are as follows:

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments	50	53	103
Cremation Interments	7	2	9
Foundations:			
Monuments	9	24	33
Markers	21	11	32
Graves repaired	14	0	14
Lots sold:			
5 Grave	0	1	1
4 Grave	0	8	8
3 Grave	0	6	6
2 Grave	0	20	20
Single Graves	0	8	8
Baby Graves	0	6	6
Welfare Graves, gratis	0	2	2

Six old lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery had perpetual care put on them and one old lot had additional care put on during 1954.

The total number of lots and graves sold and interments made to date are as follows:

	Lots	Single Graves	Interments
Cemetery			
Laurel Hill	1413	1142	6900
Forest Glen	332	95	415
Total	1745	1237	7315

At Laurel Hill, Chapel Path was filled in and turfed, Oak Avenue by Locust Hill widened and surfaced. The intersection of Maple and Oak Avenues by Main Street, widened and surfaced.

At Forest Glen, 112 new lots, varying in sizes from 2 to 5 graves each, were layed out. The Board of Public Works extended a storm water drain over Cemetery property, to connect it with two highway catch basins located at the intersection of Forest Glen Road and Pearl Street, by the construction of three manholes, one catchbasin and laying 470 lineal feet of 12" concrete pipe.

The Hurricanes Carol and Edna damaged and uprooted 15 large shade trees in Laurel Hill and 12 in Forest Glen, making it necessary to remove them. Other damage, such as hanging and broken limbs will take a considerable amount of tree surgery to remedy.

At the Dec. 6, 1954 Special Town Meeting, it was voted to purchase by a transfer from the Cemetery Reserve Fund, two parcels of land for the enlargement of Forest Glen. Possession in the name of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading of the first parcel containing 32,644 sq. ft. from John S. and Blanche Evans, and the second parcel containing 35,032 sq. ft. from James T. and Charlotte B. Putnam, was accomplished on Dec. 29, 1954, by recording the respective deeds.

At this time appreciation is expressed to the other Departments of the Town for their cooperation.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Report of the Superintendent as submitted by him is hereby approved by the Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary
DAVID E. HERSEE
EDOUARD N. DUBE
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT
ERNEST E. BROWN

Board of Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1954.

Addition to existing wiring	165	Ranges (Electric)	187
Air conditioning	6	Repairs to old wiring	41
Auto sales lots	2	Repairs after fire damage	3
Barns	2	Services (Permanent)	119
Churches (Add. wiring)	7	Services (Temporary)	35
Clothes dryers (Electric)	32	Services (Change over 3 wire)	54
Compressors	5	Schools (New)	1
Deep freezers	10	Schools (Additional wiring)	4
Dishwashers	8	Sewer Pumping station	1
Dwellings (New)	130	Shops	10
Dwellings (Old)	6	Signs	8
Garages	14	Stores (Rewired)	4
Garbage disposals	12	Telephone booths	2
Gasoline pumps	1	Ventilator fans	53
Gasoline stations	2	Washers (Automatic)	16
Gas heater controls	8	Water heaters (Electric)	38
Hair dryers (Electric)	1	Welders	1
Kilns-Pottery	2	Wiring condemned account fire	3
Motors	9	Wiring additions to buildings	23
Oil burners	219		.

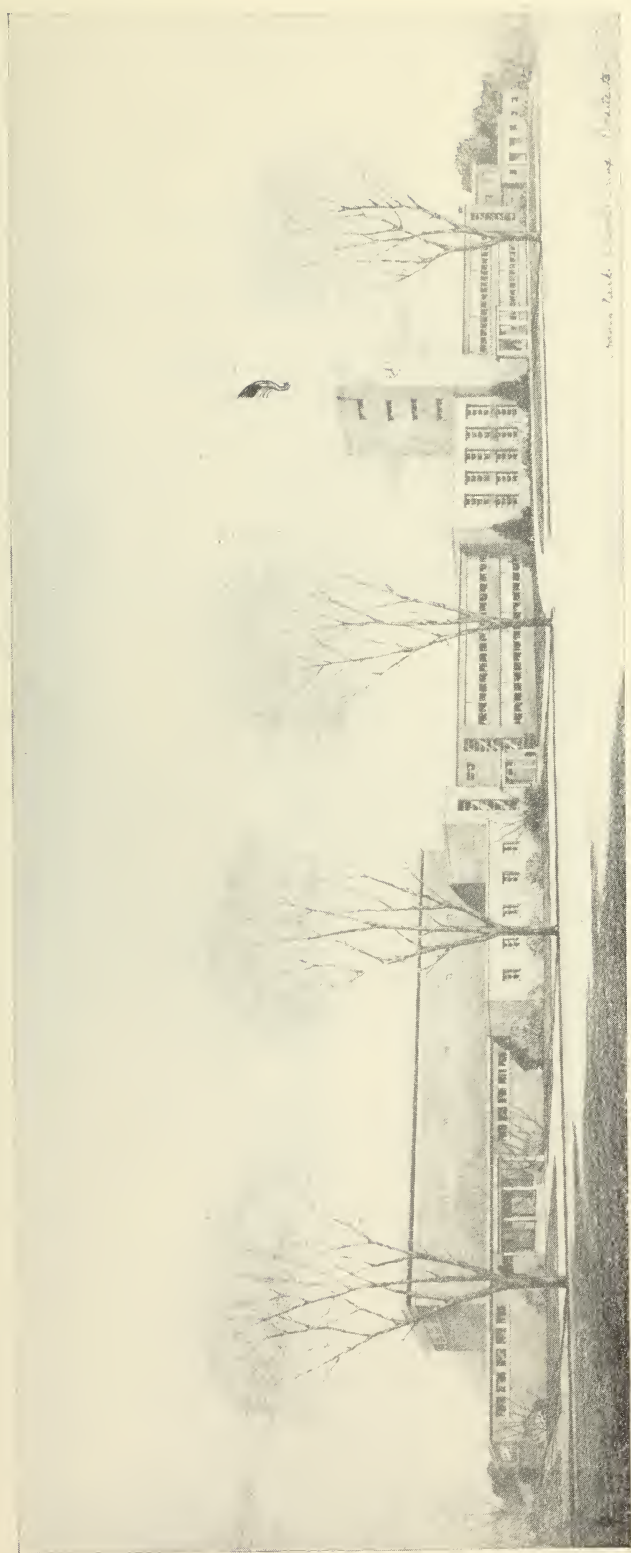
A check has been made of the majority of the stores and considerable faulty wiring corrected. More work along this line is to be done this year. Three or four cases were brought to my attention where home owners had done wiring without a permit or inspection being made. Explained the need of obtaining a permit and inspection made for their own protection. Still find some odds and ends to be taken care of at the new high school. Received quite a few calls during the hurricanes which were taken care of temporarily.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. FOGG

Inspector of Wires

READING HIGH SCHOOL



OAKLAND ROAD-----READING, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

concerned with actual planning and construction

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman

WILLIAM E. BURPEE

ALEXANDER P. GLOVER

GLADYS F. MILTON

NEWELL H. MORTON

ROBERT E. TURNER

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JOHN GRIFFIN

GOULD RUGGLES

DR. MERLE WESCOTT

MELVIN CROSBY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ARTHUR B. LORD

PRINCIPAL

RUDOLF SUSSMANN

ARCHITECT

ADDEN, PARKER, CLINCH AND CRIMP

CONTRACTOR

A. CEFALO AND SONS

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ended

December 31, 1954

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Robert E. Turner, 78 Middlesex Avenue	Term expires 1957
William E. Burpee, 178 Wakefield Street	" " 1957
Philip R. White, Chm., 189 Summer Avenue	" " 1956
Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn Street	" " 1956
Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Avenue	" " 1955
Alexander P. Glover, 16 Kenneth Road	Resigned December 15, 1954

School Committee Office

High School	62 Oakland Road
RE 2-0180 and RE 2-2384	
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
During school vacations 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	

Superintendent of Schools

Arthur B. Lord, Jr.	39 Pine Ridge Road
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Secretary to the Superintendent

Mae A. Tanner	26 Mineral Street
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Clerks in School Committee Office

Margaret A. McMullen	56 Intervale Terrace
Irene E. Reichardt	90 Vine Street

School Physician

Er Chang Ping, M.D.	127 Hopkins Street
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Supervisor of Maintenance

Robert A. Vars	45 Locust Street
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Attendance Officer

Robert A. Grundy	25 Lewis Street or 74 Haven Street
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RETIRED

Nellie P. Beaton

Appointed September 1920
Principal, Lowell Street School
and
Teacher of Grade 4

Carolyn C. Grace

Appointed September 1919
Teacher of Grade 5 — Highland School

Luke Halpin

Appointed September 1922
Assistant Principal
Teacher of Mathematics
Head of Guidance Department

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Reading

the School Committee herewith submits its report:

The major project of the School Committee this year was the completion and equipping of the new Senior High School. Many delays were necessitated by the curtailment of the school's budget at Town Meeting. The School Committee had to move more slowly to be sure the most needed equipment was purchased first, within the amount of money appropriated, before it could go forward on other necessary items. The school opened in September 1954, as planned, and although the building was not entirely equipped, the school functions very satisfactorily.

Two committees were created at the March Town Meeting (1954), the Birch Meadow Committee and the School Facilities Study Committee. These committees are to study play areas and school housing. The School Committee feels that this was a very wise step, for the burden of building new schools and planning play areas was a very heavy one, along with all the other duties required of the School Committee. Naturally, there must be close cooperation between these committees and the School Committee, as the educational viewpoint in school properties is very important.

An undesirable situation exists in our school housing now and promises to be worse if we do not provide a new elementary school in the near future. It is a recognized fact that age groups should be housed together. The more mature students in the 10th to the 12th grades should be together. At present we have not only the 9th grade classes in the Senior High School, but in the Junior High School we have three 6th grade classes and next year it will be necessary to put six 6th grade classes there. When this happens, some 8th grade classes will have to enter the Senior High School. This is not a healthy situation from the stand point of the students nor of the administration.

A great step forward in our educational system was made this year by the appointment of a full time Guidance Director, Mr. Ara A. Karakashian. His duties include correct program planning for each student, advice on future plans, placement of students after high school, and a follow-up on their progress.

The School Committee has given much consideration to the problem of teachers' salaries. The Town should provide funds for adequate payment of teachers if Reading is to meet competition with other towns. Reading, in common with many other towns, has a differential schedule for extra work. This year equivalency regulations have been added to the salary schedule.

Mr. Alexander P. Glover resigned from the School Committee December 15, 1954, for reasons of health and business. He served on the Committee for nine years. The term of Mrs. Henry C. Milton expires in March 1955. Mrs. Milton has decided not to be a candidate for reelection. She has served on this Committee for ten years. The other members of the School Committee feel the loss of these experienced and unselfish members and wish them well in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
GLADYS F. MILTON
ROBERT E. TURNER
NEWELL H. MORTON
WILLIAM E. BURPEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1954

Appropriations, Transfers & Refunds 1954		Expended 1954
SALARIES:		
\$ 29,682.46	Supt. Clerks and Enf. of Law	\$ 29,129.51
20,384.65	Directors	20,384.64
1,700.00	Misc. Salaries of Instruction	1,600.00
26,433.30	Principals	26,633.20
438,229.97	Teachers	434,471.78
60,275.75	Janitors and Matrons	61,226.39
8,099.34	Health	8,099.34
<hr/> \$584,805.47		<hr/>
574.16	Transferred to Pension Account	
<hr/> \$584,231.31		<hr/> \$581,544.86
MAINTENANCE:		
\$ 1,000.00	Supt. Office Expense	\$ 1,286.85
300.00	Research and Professional Study	294.90
800.00	Printing	685.82
600.00	Travel Expenses	578.08
750.00	Prin. Office Expense	808.26
3,000.00	Telephone	2,797.64
150.00	Travel Expense — Enf. of Law	150.00
<hr/> \$ 6,600.00		<hr/>
	Total General Control	\$ 6,601.55
INSTRUCTION:		
\$ 700.00	Travel Expense of Directors	\$ 651.57
10,255.00	Textbooks and Supplementary Books	10,221.77
12,510.00	Supplies — School	12,720.15
2,000.00	Supplies — Shop	2,019.72
600.00	Supplies — Domestic Science	372.89
975.00	Film	911.94
1,000.00	Physical Ed. Equipment	993.21
1,365.00	Tests	1,712.93
2,292.90	Instructional Apparatus	2,329.41
500.00	Express Charges	237.08
<hr/> \$ 32,197.90		<hr/>
	Total Instruction	\$ 32,170.67

	OPERATION OF PLANT:	
\$ 25,600.00	Fuel	\$ 19,180.68
2,400.00	Water and Sewer	1,658.93
8,000.00	Electricity	6,694.64
200.00	Gas	224.60
500.00	Laundry and Summer Cleaning	364.86
300.00	Ash Removal	375.97
400.00	Exp. of Supr. of Bldgs. and Grounds	327.15
4,700.00	Janitors Supplies	4,665.72
\$ 42,100.00		
4,075.95	Transferred to New High School Acct.	
\$ 38,024.05	Total Operation of Plant	\$ 33,492.55
	MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:	
\$ 5,225.50	Grounds	\$ 3,780.64
9,719.00	Buildings	6,612.52
385.00	Service System	130.43
4,151.50	Plumbing and Heating	4,490.94
1,060.00	Furniture Repair	658.47
\$ 20,541.00		
4,000.00	Transferred to New High School Acct.	
\$ 16,541.00	Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 15,673.00
	AUXILIARY AGENCIES:	
\$ 2,500.00	Library	\$ 2,512.17
500.00	Health Expenses	493.85
400.00	Commencement	331.79
\$ 3,400.00	Total Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 3,337.81
	CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
\$ 856.80	New Equipment and Furniture	\$ 825.55
\$105,695.70	Total General Maintenance	
8,075.95	Transferred to New High School Acct.	
97,619.75		92,101.13
584,805.47	Total Salaries	
574.16	Transferred to Pension Account	
584,231.31		581,544.86
681,851.06	Grand Total	673,645.99
25,000.00	Transportation	
4,000.00	Transferred to New High School Account	
21,000.00		20,479.66
3,000.00	Vocational Tuition	2,934.59
4,500.00	Athletic Account	4,500.00
3,500.00	Cafeteria Account	3,500.00
1,500.00	New Station Wagon	1,430.17
574.16	Pension Account (Trans. from Salaries)	574.16
1,500.00	Junior High School Repairs	
467.00	Highland School Repairs	

READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1955

Receipts not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town

January 2, 1955

Estimate 1955		1954
Appropriation	Credits	
\$783,606.93		
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Total Expenditures (less transportation)		\$673,645.99
Receipts:		
State Reimbursement (estimate)		\$ 95,566.71
Tuition		29,617.88
Tuition — other		3,610.04
Sundry		938.07
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Net Cost to Town		\$543,913.29
VOCATIONAL TUITION		
Total Expenditures		\$ 2,934.59
Receipts:		
State Reimbursement		1,217.66
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Net Cost to Town		\$ 1,716.93
TRANSPORTATION		
Total Expenditures		\$ 20,479.66

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Milton and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my seventh report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the 62nd in the series of Annual Reports describing the work of the Reading Public Schools.

STAFF

Reading lost many teachers this past year and it has been necessary to increase the staff, in great part at the High School level. Thirty-three teachers were hired from a limited supply of available candidates. Not only did the small number of teachers available make desirable selection difficult, but Reading's inferior scale of pay also proved to be a handicap. From the State of Maine alone, from which we can usually attract good teachers, only six teachers accepted positions here in spite of visits by me to over 25 Maine colleges and school systems. Since the establishment of a sales tax in Maine, teachers' salaries have approached, and in some cases, surpassed those of Massachusetts towns.

In spite of a survey of proposed rates of pay for teachers in Massachusetts which indicated no major salary revisions, the fact is that in February and March of 1954 school committees did vote increases which left Reading in a very unfavorable position in competition. For instance, a teacher to whom I could offer a contract for \$3,400 under our schedule was offered \$4,000 by Bennington, Vermont. Another to whom I could offer a \$3,400 contract was offered \$4,000 by Marblehead, Massachusetts. I believe you of the School Committee have done the only thing possible in budgeting for increased rates of pay for our teachers if Reading is to be able to hire the caliber of teacher who can provide the quality of instruction parents expect for their boys and girls. The action also will help to hold our better teachers against raids on the Staff by other communities. While your action simply makes us competitive with schedules of 1954 and does not provide for possible increases for September 1955 in other towns, it does, at least, keep us from falling too far behind.

Resignations:

High School

Luke Halpin	Asst. Prin., Mathematics and Guidance
Victor Archambault	Physican Education
Edward Roewer	Spanish and Coaching
Henry Wegiel	Music

Junior High School

Ethelyn Cowperthwaite	English
Lois E. Baldwin	Physical Education

Joshua Eaton School

Eileen R. Cummings	Grade 2
Alice V. Wentworth	Grade 3

Highland School

Elizabeth Graham	Supervising Principal
Thelma M. Garnett	Grade 1
Carolyn C. Grace	Grade 5
Paul Mahoney	Grade 5
Angela O. Rusotto	Grade 5
Ethelyn F. Stoutermire	Grade 4

Pearl Street School

Luanna E. Devenis	Grade 3
George W. Hosker	Grade 6
Jane Weldon	Grade 4

Appointments:**High School**

Rachel Alden	English
James M. Aldrich	Social Studies and Mathematics
Marcia Begum	English
Gaetano J. Catalano	Mathematics
Stanley R. Clark	Science
TenBroeck Cornell	French
Mary H. Eaton	Mathematics (permanent substitute)
Eleanor B. Foster	Home Economics
Elizabeth Hardy	Mathematics
Jennie Hilton	English
Carol Johnson	English
Ara A. Karakashian	Guidance Director — All Schools
Nancy Peterson	Physical Education
Samuel Quagenti	Music
Janet Rosenberg	Spanish
Carolyn (Snow) Wyman	Civics
Mary White	Mathematics

Junior High School

Arthur J. Cram	Industrial Arts
Marilyn Thomas	Physical Education
Marie M. Hagman	Music

Highland School

Ruth Carroll	Grade 6 at JHS
Regina Iannazzi	Grade 5
Paula Kates	Grade 5
James M. Leonard	Grade 5
Paul Mahoney	Grade 5 (Resigned Oct. 1st)
Anna Martin	Grade 1
Marion H. O'Connell	Grade 5

Joshua Eaton School

Ann Baker	Grade 2
Robert W. Brown	Grade 5
John Morabito	Grade 4

Lowell Street School

Edith T. Whittum

Grade 4

Pearl Street School

Rita Hewitt

Grade 2

William E. O'Keefe

Grade 6

Phyllis H. Parks

Grade 3

Frances E. Young

Grade 3

While we deeply regret the loss of all of our good teachers, we were particularly sorry to lose the services of four staff members — Miss Elizabeth Graham, who, since 1941, has been Supervising Principal of the Highland and Lowell Street Schools, resigned to take another position. She served the Town well and her schools were very well organized and administered. We were indeed fortunate to have on our staff Miss Hilda Gaffney, who has taught in Reading since 1941 and who has been Assistant Principal at the Joshua Eaton School since 1952. She is continually demonstrating that she is a thoroughly competent supervisor and administrator.

Mr. Luke Halpin, because of serious illness, had to leave his post as Assistant Principal and mathematics teacher at the Senior High School on November 1st. The Resolution presented to him by you speaks for itself.

**TOWN OF READING, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the School Committee held on October 29, 1954, it was resolved that

WHEREAS you, LUKE HALPIN have faithfully served the Reading Public Schools for a period of thirty-two years and

WHEREAS, by successfully guiding Reading boys and girls, you have demonstrated your superiority as a teacher and

WHEREAS, through their later years, you have continued to be an inspiration to Reading graduates, now therefore:

WE, the Reading School Committee, by this resolution, commend you for the very great contribution you have made to our students, and extend to you our grateful appreciation and our best wishes for many pleasant and memorable years in the future.

Philip R. White

Robert E. Turner

Gladys F. Milton

Newell H. Morton

Alexander P. Glover

William E. Burpee

Mrs. Nellie Beaton, who has been in the Reading Schools since 1920, resigned upon reaching the required retirement age. A great many adults who were taught by her know that she was a master teacher and able Principal at the Lowell Street School. But again we were fortunate to have on our staff Mrs. Stella Salva, who came to Reading as a teacher in 1951, and who, in 1952, was appointed Assistant Principal at the Highland School. Because of her established competence, she was named to the teaching principalship of the Lowell Street School.

Miss Carolyn Grace, who taught in Reading from 1919 to 1954 (July), also had the experience of teaching many children whom she knows today as adults in the community. She was a thoroughly devoted teacher who is respected as such by all who know her. Miss Grace resigned her position at the Highland School upon reaching the compulsory retirement age.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS

Curriculum

A brief analysis of the curriculum problem is stated below, taken from the Arthur Croft Publication EDUCATION SUMMARY:

"Administration. TIME TO RETURN TO SIMPLICITY, says Leo W. Jenkins, East Carolina College. 'American education has been under attack because it has become too complex', he believes. Needed, says Dr. Jenkins, is the courage to return to 'an original simplicity of purpose and organization of public education so that parents, citizens, and educators themselves may know more about their quickly grown and constantly expanding institution — the public school.'

"In the past decades" he continues, "public schools have tried to digest literally hundreds of modifications, variations, courses, fads, methods of organization, new tasks, and 'innumerable types of curricula.' In the curricula area alone, Dr. Jenkins says, schools now boast of more than 40 types, 'the majority of which were unknown in the nineteenth century.' Among these: correlated, didactic, enriched, core, community centered, college preparatory, fused, intensive, child centered, classical, traditional, 'and some twenty to thirty other types.' The school's task now, says Dr. Jenkins, is that of a 'full scale nation-wide re-evaluation and re-examination.'"

Viewed in another light, curriculum and methods are discussed by Edgar Dale writing in THE NEWS LETTER, a publication of Ohio State University, in an article entitled OUR SCHOOLS AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH. Selections from this editorial follow:

"Are our schools as good as they used to be? My reply is simple — they never were. I doubt whether we shall get much help in improving our schools and colleges by assuming some kind of golden age when schools were better than they are today. Indeed the history of education is a record of criticism of the schools, sometimes from the inside, sometimes from the outside.

"We can start with Confucius, who, writing almost 2500 years ago, said. 'The teachers of today just go on repeating things in a rigmarole fashion, annoy the students with constant question, and repeat the

same things over and over again. They do not try to find out what the students' natural inclinations are so that the students are forced to pretend to like their studies, nor do they try to bring out the best in their talents.'

"Horace Mann's annual report of 1838 is critical of the teaching of reading, saying, 'I have devoted special pains to learn with some degree of numerical accuracy, how far the reading, in our schools, is an exercise of the mind in thinking and feeling, and how far it is a barren action of the organs of speech upon the atmosphere. . . The result is that more than eleven-twelfths of all the children in the reading classes, in our schools, do not understand the meaning of the words they read; that they do not master the sense of the reading lessons, and that the ideas and feelings intended by the author to be conveyed to, and excited in, the reader's mind, still rest in the author's intention, never having yet reached the place of their destination.'

"John Erskine in MY LIFE AS A TEACHER says, regarding his teaching at Amherst in 1903, 'A large proportion of my first Amherst freshmen was unable to spell.'

"In reply to criticism of the scholastic abilities of 'school leavers' in England, the City of Manchester's Education Committee has published THE TEACHING OF BASIC SKILLS IN MANCHESTER SCHOOLS. It seems that English children, too, have difficulty in spelling. The report says that difficulty in the spelling of common words was not infrequent.

The following examples are taken from the eleven-plus age group: Dandy lions, contry, magission, owl (hole), smel, professor, tres (trees), dieing, carrets, rabbet, somebody. This spelling is incorrect but intelligent. The pupils have assumed that in English you spell words like they sound. We can and should improve our teaching of spelling, but I am afraid there will always be difficulty in learning to spell English when GHOTI spells 'fish' — GH as in ENOUGH, O as in WOMEN, and TI as in NATION.

"What about present conditions in teaching the three R's in American schools? Has there been gradual improvement? Are we at a standstill or is there a deterioration? I shall not repeat here the data which one can find in many popular magazines, e.g., the article from CHANGING TIMES which has been widely reproduced.

"In general, the findings show that we are doing a little better than we have done in the past. In spite of having more children of varied ability in school, with the average age of pupils in a given grade somewhat younger than twenty-five to fifty years ago, the comparisons are favorable to present-day schools.

"If we were to compare present-day schools with those of thirty-five or forty years ago, I would make these points: (1) Many of our older teachers today were excellent teachers then as now. Obviously they got excellent results, superior to what a young, under-educated and poorly-trained teacher would get today. (2) Our understanding of the learning process is better. We are emphasizing meaningfulness as contrasted with mere memorizing. Indeed, meaning and learning are virtually synonymous. (3) There is an increasing concern for digging deeper and covering less. (4) There is more interest and understanding

of the child himself. The young teachers of today are more sensitive to the psychology and sociology of children than were those of us who taught in elementary schools thirty or more years ago. Courses on child development were often bookish, academic. We didn't observe children with the insight possible today.

"(5) We are becoming increasingly sensitive, though still not sensitive enough, to the need for liberal education. One trend in the past, not yet arrested, has been to vocationalize liberal education. A contrary trend, not yet much bigger than the shadow of a man's hand, is not only to liberalize vocational education but to avoid introducing vocational study too early or where it doesn't belong. Some of it has been neither vocational nor educational.

"(6) We shall have to provide a much greater variety of learning experiences for students, especially in the high school. It is not undemocratic, as some have suggested, to assume that all students cannot learn the same content. However it is indeed undemocratic and flying in the face of the facts, to assume that we have some students who are non-verbal, non-academic. All persons are verbal unless one is talking about deviates who are in mental institutions or of a limited number of persons suffering from some kind of brain injury. All adults can master the simple intellectual propositions necessary for working on a job, taking care of their personal business, answering the key questions about personal and social values, mastering the principles involved in being a thoughtful member of a family, voting on matters of policy affecting their own lives.

"Our problem is to develop a meaningful curriculum for young people, one which has an expanding intellectual and emotional ceiling, one which calls for creative thinking with ideas and materials. This is asking a good deal — that all high school students be educated instead of trained. Yet we cannot accept less.

"In the race for physical survival, in the struggle to extend the range of free thought, top-notch schools and colleges are needed.

"We are for schools that are willing to respect the best of the past, and prepare for the best in the future. A good society needs both conservation and innovation. By helping our students develop thoughtfulness and creativeness we can meet old and new problems with skill and wisdom."

There are several reasons for changes in the curriculum and in teaching techniques. Primary reason for change is the desire of educators to do better that which is already being done. Scientific studies of the learning process indicate the need for change; changing demands for competence in a changing world are followed by changes in the curriculum. No doubt some changes have resulted from organized pressure from politicians (permitting the teaching of Polish, for instance), driver training (American Automobile Association), parts of the health program (New England Dairy Council), etc., but educators have resisted many pressures when the ideas could not be reconciled with current good educational philosophy. The fact is, however, that the curriculum has been constantly expanding, and the only reason that the three R's are being taught better today in less time devoted

to them is that the techniques of instruction have been improved. The bonus from the expanded curriculum is greater attention to the social and emotional welfare of the child and greater attention to individual differences. Nevertheless, the time has come when major additions to the curriculum must be resisted if we are to meet the quality of instruction and achievement necessary to equip an individual for competent life in our society.

Coupled with this thought is educators' concern for the discipline of study. The impact of community activities (automobile, TV, Scouts, music and dancing lessons, YMCA, Canteen, DeMolay and Rainbow, CYO and countless other activities, most with great merit) upon the pupils' out-of-school time represents a major problem. One solution favored nation-wide is to lengthen the school day to provide more time for supervised study. In this Town the necessity for pupils' working for economic reasons is limited, and the welfare of the majority would seem to indicate a lengthening of the school day, at least on the Senior High School level.

Achievement

As has previously been reported, the Reading Schools continue to maintain a better than average level of pupil achievement. The national average of pupil achievement on the **Iowa Every-Pupil Tests of Basic Skills** is the 50th percentile. In Reading in 1953 the sixth grade average was the 86th percentile, the seventh grade the 75th. In 1954 based on the same tests the sixth grade level was the 92nd percentile, the seventh grade the 74th. In the Senior High School achievement is well above the national norm and our college placement record and the achievement of our pupils in college is superior.

Guidance

This year for the first time the Schools have the services of a Director of Guidance. Already, significant steps have been taken to provide the help for our pupils that pupils in other communities enjoy. Mr. Ara A. Karakashian, with several years in the guidance field, mainly with the Veterans' Administration, was appointed Director. He has initiated a study of more usable cumulative records, broadened the testing program, devoted much time to individual counseling, planned for inservice training of teachers, planned for more comprehensive placement and follow-up studies, and at my request has initiated a study to determine how we can better provide for the many gifted children we have in our schools (about 20%). Among the additional tests Mr. Karakashian has introduced are the following: Stanford-Binet, Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children, General Aptitude test battery, Differential Aptitude test battery, and the Engineering and Physical Science Aptitude tests.

While tremendous gains have been made in the pupil guidance area, to be really efficient there is need for clerical assistance and a full time helper for Mr. Karakashian so that the vitally important individual conference with pupils on program planning, special problems, such as pupils wanting to leave school, and a proper placement and follow-up service can be maintained.

Additional Staff

With the larger enrollment in the Senior High School and more electing Art, the services of the Art teacher have been largely withdrawn from the Elementary Schools. We should have at least a part time Art Supervisor for these grades to assist the teachers and pupils if we are to maintain the program we have previously enjoyed.

While there is some thought that the number of music instructors should be increased, it is my considered opinion that at the present time no action should be taken in this direction, largely because of the excellence of the music program on all levels.

The Health program must be reinforced by the addition of a full time nurse to assist Mrs. Clewley, who is carrying twice as heavy a load as is recommended by State standards. The High School sports program should be broadened in the intramural field. This year we have added wrestling but a more comprehensive program for girls must be begun. Part of the expansion of these programs is dependent upon adequate playing fields.

The growth of the High School has also impinged on the Shops and Household Arts. Next year it will be necessary to have an additional teacher in each area. Beside expanding the Shop program we have introduced a program in Earth Science. Also, Reading today, as in most of the towns of the State, offers a course in driver training.

Growth of the system also dictates that there be two additional academic teachers at High School and three additional teachers on the Elementary level.

As a result of a law passed in 1954, it will be necessary to add, in all probability, two special class teachers if they can be found. The new law requires the teaching not only of morons but also pupils with I.Q's of 20 to 50.

SUMMER SESSION

It is my opinion that Reading should maintain a summer school session as is done in many Metropolitan communities on a tuition basis. Advantages to pupils and perhaps adults are these:

1. Pupils who during the regular school year cannot schedule a desired course could do the work in the summer.
2. A college preparatory student could secure preparatory units and might not have to take five years to meet requirements.
3. Pupils who because of illness or for other cause could not meet minimum requirements would have the advantage of remedial work.
4. Adults might like specialized instruction in typing, the shops, household arts or arts and crafts.

In my opinion the taxpayer should not be required to support the cost of this supplementary service but rather the cost of instruction should be borne by the student.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

For many years the Town has been advised that a new High School was needed. In 1949 the matter came to a head when the pressure of inadequate space made approval of construction mandatory. By a vote, unanimous but for one, the Town in 1951 voted to authorize construction on the Birch Meadow site. After some unavoidable delays the building was nearly completed but ready for occupancy in September 1954. While not a lavish building, the school is entirely functional and meets a pressing need. Noteworthy in the planning of the building was the assistance given by the High School Principal, Mr. Rudolf Sussmann, and High School teachers, notably the department heads. The architect stressed this point by saying that he had received more help on this job than on any others he had handled. Reading can now take pride in the fact that we can now offer our boys and girls in the High School opportunities comparable to or better than the opportunities available in other towns.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PLAYGROUNDS

In view of the fact that there are two special Town Committees which are to report at the Annual Town Meeting, I shall not dwell at length on these matters. I refer you to my report of 1953 and recommendations, based on a projection of growth.

"In the very near future, probably by 1956, one third of the eighth grade pupils must be transferred to the new High School and all sixth grade pupils transferred to the Junior High School.

"By 1960 there is good reason to believe the Town should provide 23 additional classrooms for elementary school use (or 31 if we abandon the Lowell and Prospect Street Schools) and 14 classrooms should be added to the Junior High School. The addition of these rooms should make it possible for us to return to the present system of organization: Elementary grades, 1-6; Junior High School, Grades 7-9; Senior High School, grades 10-12."

There are, however, two points which I wish to stress. The first is that no capital expenditures should be so great that the Town's financial structure is impaired to the point that the Town is reluctant to maintain an adequate salary schedule. **Good schools are primarily good because of the quality of instruction not because of the grounds or buildings, however necessary some provision in these areas may be.**

My second point refers to structural organization. At present for lack of space in our Elementary Schools, we are using three classrooms at the Junior High School, and with the opening of the new school, grade nine was transferred to the new High School. It is now apparent that it will be necessary to place six sixth grade classes in the Junior High School in September 1955 and transfer at least two classes of eighth grade pupils to the new High School building. But worse still, in September 1956 some fifth grade pupils must go to the Junior High School building and not only all of the eighth grade but at least one class of seventh grade pupils must go to the High School building. Having been Principal of a building, grades 7-12, I can speak from personal knowledge

of the very serious disadvantages of mixing seventh grade boys and girls with seniors in High School, the natural inclinations, behavior, and talk of senior adolescents are best not too closely called to the attention of early adolescent boys and girls as they are when one third of the day is spent by these pupils in the same building.

If it is necessary to have all eighth and ninth grade pupils and one or more classes of seventh grade pupils in the Senior High School building, in 1956 the Senior High School building will be over capacity. While it is true that the building can be made to accommodate this situation, scheduling of classes is impaired because of loss of flexibility.

Economically it appears desirable to use all available classrooms regardless of their location. One might ask "Why build additional classrooms when there are available ones at the new High School?" Economically speaking, I can find no fault with this proposition, but as an educator I call to your attention the serious disadvantages inherent in this organization. In the opinion of the great majority of school administrators the 6-3-3 organization is best. The Elementary Schools are a natural unit in six grades. The Junior High School is a natural unit in grades seven through nine. This is the early adolescent group which presents a special problem, and the school is transitional in subject matter and class organization between the Elementary Schools and the High School. The three years of High School contain the older adolescent whose behavior and thinking represent something far different from that of the Junior High School level. Younger pupils grow up fast enough at their normal rate, but when grouped with upper level High School pupils, they frequently develop undesirable traits.

This problem is one the Town must face to arrive at a decision as to what is to be done having in mind prudent expenditure (perhaps low-cost construction), but also of course, the welfare of our boys and girls.

ASSISTING AGENCIES

A school report is incomplete if it does not recognize the contributions of organized agencies like the Y.M.C.A., the P.T.A.'s, the Boosters Club, and others too numerous to mention. All of these agencies work to contribute directly or indirectly to the work of the schools.

CONCLUSION

With the resignation from the School Committee of people like Mr. Alexander P. Glover, and the loss to the membership in coming years of Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, comes the sharper recognition of the assistance and help rendered to me by Committee members. The close cooperation of the staff, administration and School Committee is essential for the continued well-being of the schools and for this cooperation I am most grateful.

Respectfull submitted,

ARTHUR B. LORD,

Superintendent of Schools

READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGE-GRADE TABLE --- October 1, 1954

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Over 21	Total
Grade	73	210	4														
1		91	246	7													287
2			125	178	9												344
3				60	164	13	2										312
4					64	156	21	3		1							239
5					1	80	157	15									245
6																	253
7						96	154	15	2	1							268
8							82	149	16	9	1	1					258
9								92	148	26	4	1					271
10									101	142	29	7					279
11									1	68	124	25	3	1	1		223
12											50	104	19	5			178
PG											2	2		2			6
Total	73	301	375	245	238	249	276	254	256	269	246	210	140	22	8	1	3163

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

1	14	41	2														57
2		24	31														55
3			11	51	1												63
4				10	36	3	1										50
5					14	29	2										45
6						16	27	2									45
7							15	22	4	1							42
Total	14	65	44	61	51	48	45	24	4	1							357
Grand Total	87	366	419	306	289	297	321	278	260	270	246	210	140	22	8	1	3520

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955 — 1956

School Opens	September 7, 1955
No Sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1955
Teachers' Convention	October 28, 1955
Armistice Day	November 11, 1955
Good Friday	March 30, 1956
Memorial Day	May 30, 1956
Thanksgiving Recess:	
Close at noontime	November 23rd, 1955
Open on	November 28th, 1955
Christmas Vacation:	
Close at noontime	December 23rd, 1955
Open on	January 3, 1956
Winter Vacation:	
Close on	February 17 and reopen February 27, 1956
Spring Vacation:	
Close on	April 13 and reopen on April 23, 1956
Schools close	June 20, 1956

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental Clinic: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Eaton School — 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
Immunization Clinic: Annually by appointment

SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

A child, to be eligible for admission to Grade I, must be five years, ten months of age as of September 1st of the entering year. No provision is made for examination.

To enter school, each child is required to present a birth certificate and a certificate of vaccination, or in the case of unsuccessful vaccination, a statement from a doctor certifying that three attempts to vaccinate have been made, all of which have proved to be unsuccessful.

Registration of children entering school in September is held in the different schools some time during May. Announcement of exact time is made through the **READING CHRONICLE**.

APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER THAN TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

Clerical

Audrey C. Graustein, Pearl Street School
M. Phyllis Spencer, Senior High School (substitute)
Sally Stembridge, Senior High School

Cafeterias

Dorothy Conti, Junior High School — Part Time
Florence Harvey, Highland School — Part Time
Dorothy R. Sias, Senior High School

Maintenance Department

Joseph Butler, Senior High School (Sunday night watchman)
Margaret Campbell, Matron at Junior High School
Erminie A. Dinan, Matron at Senior High School
Vincent Serrentino, Maintenance helper and parttime custodian
Margaret A. Thornton, Matron at Highland School
Daniel J. White, Night Custodian at the High School
Elmer E. Young, Jr., Head Custodian at the High School

MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

School Committee Office

Arthur B. Lord, Jr., AB., M.Ed. (1948) Superintendent of Schools
Er Chang Ping, M.D. (1952) School Physician

Supervisors

Philip W. Althoff, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927) Director of Physical Education
Margaret B. Clewley, R.N. (1939) Supervisor of Health
Roderick E. Macdonald, B.S.Ed. (1937) Director of Industrial Arts
Florence G. Nichols, B.S.Ed. (1929) Supervisor of Physical Education
J. Douglas Oliver, A.B., M. Mus.Ed. (1948) Director of Music

Senior High School

Rudolf Sussmann, B.S.Ed. (1917) Supervising Principal
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, A.B., A.M. (1929) Administrative Asst. to Prin.
Head of Math Dept.
Clarissa B. Abbott, B.S.Ed. (1953) English
Rachel Alden, B.S.Ed. (1954) English
James M. Aldrich, A.B., A.M. (1954) Mathematics
Clifford W. Baker, B.S., A.M. (1944) Mathematics and Guidance
Elizabeth A. Batchelder, B.S.Ed. (1916) English and Typewriting
Marcia J. Begum, A.B. (1954) English
Alton C| Bennett, A.B., M.A. (1947) History and Coaching
Robert Bronner, B.A., M.Ed. (1940) Driver Education
Gaeto J. Catalano, B.S. (1954) Mathematics
Rose E. Chiesa, A.B. (1953) French
Stanley R. Clark, B.S.Ed. (1954) Science

TenBroeck Cornell, B.A., M.A. (1954)	French, English
Virginia Cox, A.B., A.M. (1945)	Latin
Joseph A. Crowley, A.B., Ed.M. (1946)	Math. Head Football Coach
Jane Cutcliffe, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1952)	English
Alberta F. Drury, Salem Normal (1917)	Bookkeeping
Eleanor B. Foster, B.A., B.S. (1954)	Home Economics
Alice H. Franzen, B.S.E. (1947)	Steno., Type., Jun. Class Adviser
William E. Hanlon, A.B., Ed.M. (1945)	History, Head of Dept.
Elizabeth G. Hardy, B.A. (1954)	Mathematics
Jennie Hilton, B.S. (1954)	English, Sophomore Class Adviser
Carol Johnson, A.B. (1954)	English
Ara A. Karakashian, B.S., Ed.M. (1954)	Dir. of Guidance, All Schools
Svea W. Kling, B.B.A., M.Ed. (1940)	Sten., Type., Head of Dept.
Ernestine H. Macdonald, A.B. (1953)	Librarian
William T. McGrail, B.A., Ed.M. (1953)	History
James T. Murphy, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
Frederick J. Pope, B.S., Ed.M. (1922)	Science, Head of Dept.
John B. Pacino, B.S., M.Ed. (1954)	Gen. Bus., Con. Ed. Freshman Coach
Nancy E. Peterson, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Physical Ed.
Samuel Quagenti, Mus. B., Ed.M. (1954)	Music
Neil C. Robinson, B.S., Ed.M. (1936)	Civics
Geraldine F. Roy, B.S., Ed.M. (1950)	Art
Mary E. Shay, B.A., M.A. (1943)	English, Head of Dept.
Carolyn J. Snow, A.B. (1954)	Civics
H. Neil Soule, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
Arthur L. Spencer, A.B., A.M. (1938)	Latin
	Head of Foreign Lang. Dept.
Frederick C. Wales, B.S.E. (1942)	Shop
Mary E. White, A.B., M.Ed. (1954)	Math. Freshman Class Adviser
Philip A. Wogan, B.S.Ed., Ed.M. (1949)	Biology
Helen R. Zimmerman, B.A., M.S., Ph.D. (1936)	Biology

Junior High School

Robert F. Perry, B.S. (1935)	Supervising Principal
Albert H. Woodward, A.B., Ed.M. (1940)	Asst. Prin., Mathematics
Ray C. Austin, B.S. (1951)	Industrial Arts
Harriett S. Beattie, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Art
Elizabeth B. Beckett, A.B. (1950)	English, Music
Gilbert F. Bulley, B.Ed. (1953)	Math., Social Studies, Bus. Tr.
Stanley E. Butcher, A.B. (1949)	Social Studies
John R. Copithorne, B.A., M.Ed. (1946)	Science
Arthur T. Cram, Jr., B.Ed. (1954)	Industrial Arts
Elisabeth A. Dagdigian, A.B. (1953)	Eng., Latin, Social Studies
Louise J. Eldridge, B.A., M.A. (1950)	Latin, French and English
Thomas J. Ganley, B.S. (1953)	Mathematics
Marie M. Hagman, B.M. (1954)	Music
Walter E. Hawkes, B.S., Ed.M. (1953)	Physical Education
F. Shirley Hughes, B.S. (1953)	Household Arts
Hazel W. Hunt, B.A. (1949)	Social Studies
Helen R. Knight, B.S.E., Ed.M. (1946)	English, Social Studies
Dorothy B. Rice, A.E. (1949)	Mathematics

Anna K. Roewer, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Mathematics
Ernest G. Spence, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	Science
Clementina Sudak, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	English
Marilyn Thomas, B.S. (1954)	Physical Education
Margaret E. Tyacke, Boston U. (1926)	English
Alice A. Welch, B.S. (1950)	Household Arts

Joshua Eaton School

Eleanor M. Skahill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1943)	Supervising Principal
Doris S. Forbes, Plymouth T. C. (1947)	Asst. Principal and Grade 5
Clara A. Anderson, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 3
Ann Baker, Conn. S.T.C. (1954)	Grade 2
Robert W. Brown, B.S. (1954)	Grade 5
Lorraine Domingue, B.S.E. (1952)	Grade 2
Grace L. Gifford, Wheelock (1943)	Grade 1
Viola M. Guarino, B.A. (1953)	Grade 1
Glennalee W. Hein, Perry Normal (1952)	Grade 1
Esther Kempton, B.Ed., M.Ed. (1946)	Grade 4
Helena A. Markham, Framingham T.C. (1934)	Grade 3
Alberta R. Mathieson, Salem T.C. (1924)	Grade 2
John F. Morabito, B.S. (1954)	Grade 4
Helen B. Morgan, Lowell Normal (1953)	Grade 1
Patricia Reiman, B.S. (1953)	Grade 3
Irene R. Royea, Aroostook C. Normal (1928)	Grade 2
Martha E. Ryder, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1949)	Creative Workshop
Ilene N. Sadowski, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 4
Patricia A. Thorburn, A.A., B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 4

Prospect Street School

Constance B. Loud, B.S.Ed. (1948)	Bldg. Prin. and Grade 6
Dorothy E. Corindia, A.B. (1952)	Grade 6
E. Lorraine Pulson, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1948)	Grade 6
Beatrice Stasinopulos, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 5

Highland School

R. Hilda Gaffney, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1941)	Supervising Principal
Jean W. Bennett, Salem T. C. (1953)	Grade 5
Jean W. Bennett, Salem T.C. (1953)	Grade 5 (at JHS)
Dorothy L. Burgess, Lesley School (1926)	Grade 3
Carl E. Burri, A.A., B.S.Ed.	Grade 6 (at JHS)
Ruth B. Carroll, Gorham T.C. (1954)	Grade 6 (at JHS)
Catherine M. Chipman, Lowell T.C. (1944)	Grade 2
Dorothy L. Cronin, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1933)	Grade 2
Ann Cullen, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 3
Nellie P. Greene, B.S. (1953)	Grade 6 (at JHS)
Regina Iannazzi, A.B. (1954)	Grade 5
Paula R. Kates, A.B. (1954)	Grade 4
James M. Leonard, A.A., B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 5
Dorothy Leslie, B.A. (1948)	Grade 1
Anna R. Martin, N. Adams T.C. (1954)	Grade 1
Marion H. O'Connell, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 4

Janet V. Priestley, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 3
Marion Weagle, B.S.E. (1946)	Grade 1

Lowell Street School

Stella M. Salva, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	Bldg. Prin. and Grade 1
Dorothy Conron, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 2
Jessie L. Goddard, Bridgewater T.C.	Grade 3 (Permanent Sub)
Edith Whittum, Gorham T.C. (1954)	Grade 4

Pearl Street School

Philip F. Lucey, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1953)	Supervising Principal
Mary W. Moore, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Asst. Prin. and Grade 6
A. Josephine Berry, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 1
Velma E. Curtin, Perry Kindergarten (1927)	Grade 2
Frances Haskins, Aroostook State T.C. (1943)	Grade 4
Rita M. Hewitt, Lowell T.C. (1954)	Grade 2
Barbara Hill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1949)	Remedial Reading—All Schools
Ann Howe, Framingham T.C. (1947)	Grade 4
Margaret B. Jacobus, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 2
Elizabeth J. Kerrigan, A.B. (1950)	Grade 5
Dennis F. Murphy, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 6
William E. O'Keefe, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 6
Phyllis H. Parks, A.B. (1954)	Grade 3
Dorothy R. Payzant, Emerson College (1953)	Grade 1
Dorothy L. Soar, Salem Normal (1951)	Grade 1
Helen D. Stockwell, Salem Normal (1930)	Grade 5
Marialice Stratton, B. S. (1948)	Grade 3
Jean Bickford, B.S. (1948)	Grade 2 — On leave of absence

SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

High School

Myrtle W. Tilton, Secretary
Jean S. Underhill, Clerk

Junior High School

Elizabeth A. Brush, School Secretary

Joshua Eaton School

Dorothy L. Wardrope, School Secretary

Highland School

Clarice D. Hynes, School Secretary

Pearl Street School

Audrey L. Graustein, School Secretary

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS AND MATRONS

High School

Elmer E. Young, Head Custodian
William J. Broussard, Custodian
Joseph J. Butler, Sunday night watchman
Erminie A. Dinan, Matron
Catherine M. Miller, Matron
Daniel J. White, Night Watchman and Custodian
W. Ray Yorks, Custodian

Junior High School

Fred B. Riessle, Head Custodian
Fred B. Gibson
Andrew J. Lomax
Margaret Campbell, Matron

Joshua Eaton School

Stuart R. Nichols, Head Custodian
Henry R. Gromyko

Highland School

Daniel J. Buckley, Head Custodian
George Rees
Margaret A. Thornton, Matron

Pearl Street School

Edward F. Harrison, Head Custodian
Roy L. Brogan

Lowell Street School

William A. Lloyd

Prospect Street School

Vincent Serrentino, part time. Balance of time at all other schools

CAFETERIAS

Senior High School

Evelyn Mullen, Manager
Obeline Arsenault
May C. Campbell
Ida H. Johnson
Dorothy R. Sias

W. S. Parker Junior High School

Elsiemae Collins, Manager
Flora MacPhail
Eva E. Noble
Dorothy Conti, Part Time

Highland School

Evelyn M. Davis, Manager
Florence Harvey, Part Time

Pearl Street School

Irene Cook, Manager
Nellie Laetsch
Mary Bacigalupo, Part Time

Joshun Eaton School

Edith J. French, Manager
Anna Roscoe
Elizabeth Miller

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1954

June 9, 1954

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, William Edward Cutcliffe

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER

Rev. William Gunter

SALUTATORY

"Our High School Diploma"

Kenneth Thomas McKie

TORCH ORATION

William Edward Cutcliffe

ESSAY—"Meeting the Challenge"

Marilyn Frances Beck, Class Honors

ESSAY—"Organizations for Youth"

Stanley Fielding Maxwell, Jr., Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"The Duties of a Good Citizen"

Robert John Callahan, Class Honors

ESSAY—"In Times of Misgiving"

Herbert Louis Scheiner, Jr., Faculty Honors

VALEDICTORY

"Thank You"

Karen Metcalf

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolph Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Philip R. White, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. William Gunter

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Coralie Jean Abell
M. Joy Aiesi
Robert Anthony Almeida
Alice May Amirault
Eleanor Anderson
Matthew John Andrews
Barbara Ann Aylward
William Francis Banfield
Leigh Buchanan Bangs
Bernard Mark Barron
Lois Hall Bartosch
Bruce Batting
Rita Ann Bazso
Frederic Allen Bearse
Marilyn Frances Beck
Elizabeth Lawrence Bellows
Mary Louise Bennett
James Gregory Blake
Barbara Louise Blanchard
John Edward Boudreau
Janice Ethel Boutwell
John Joseph Brandon
Joan Marie Breugelman
Beverly Rae Brown
Marilyn Brown
Marilyn Joan Brown
Evelyn Burhoe
Joan Edith Butler
Mary Cail
Robert John Callahan
Ruth Allison Campbell
Irene Ruth Carleton
Paul Arthur Carlson
Barbara Ann Cavanaugh
Ann Christensen
Anne Colburn
Harold E. Comeau
Richard Walter Coombs
Jean Carole Corindia
William John Crawford, Jr.
Glenna Frances Creamer
Mary Jane Crock
Thelma Madeline Croswell
William Edward Cutcliffe
Ella Mary Daley
Muriel Frances Davis

Jane Hallett deBrigard
Jane Grey Decatur
Lois Anne D'Entremont
Terrence Joseph Desmond
Robert Kendall Dodge
Robert Wilfred Doiron
Donald Custis Dolben
Margaret Rose Donegan
James Patrick Donnelly, Jr.
Michael Alan Donnelly
Helen Louise Eisenhaur
Kenneth Wayne Elden
Robert David Ellis
Robert Edward Ellis
Joel Quentin Estey
Patricia Elaine Evans
Sally Anne Fitzpatrick
Gudrun Charlotte Flater
Marguerite Elizabeth Frasco
Arthur William Fraumeni
George Gardner Frost
William Francis Gallagher
Richard Arthur Gallant
Barbara Jean Gaw
William Stephen Geary
Barbara Elizabeth Gerrior
Helen Gill
Claire Frances Gonzalo
Howard Robert Goodwin
Blanche Edna Gosselin
Mary Frances Greene
Nancy Louise Hall
David Ernest Harlow
Norma Lee Harris
David Burns Harrison
Vera Jean Harvey
Edwin David Healy
Nancy Ann Henry
Jeri Lee Hull
Eleanor M. Jarvis
Judith Aloyse Jellison
Clyde Arthur Johnson
David Wayne Johnson
Geraldine Ann Johnson
Marcia Ann Johnson
Melvyn Earle Jones

Carol Jean Joyce
 Patricia Ann Keane
 Dorothy Ann Kennedy
 William B. Knowles
 Sandra Jean Lane
 Linda Long
 Norma Irene MacGrath
 Alexis Elizabeth MacKay
 Daniel Stanton MacLean, Jr.
 Neil Donald MacPherson
 Jane Adelaide Madden
 Marilyn Claire Marshall
 Priscilla Ann Marshall
 Daniel Matthews
 Stanley Fielding Maxwell, Jr.
 Wendell Francis McIntire
 Carolyn Joyce McKeague
 Kenneth Thomas McKie
 Phyllis Lindsay McKie
 Joan Margaret McManus
 Fred Wylder Merritt, Jr.
 Karen Metcalf
 Christine Moberger
 Carole Ann Moxey
 Agnes Louise Myhre
 Robert William Noseworthy
 Robert W. Nowell
 E. Michael O'Brien
 Maureen Elizabeth O'Brien
 John F. O'Donnell, Jr.
 Sandra Eileene O'Dowd
 Joanne E. Oldenbrook
 Alan Keith Oliver
 Janice Ellen Olson
 George Allen Peach
 Arlene Ann Penno
 Gerald Louis Peters
 Louane Irene Pierce
 Barron Pigon
 Clara Mae Pitman

Janet Rose Poore
 Judith Nancy Popp
 Billie Lydia Porter
 David Roy Pulson
 Janice Ann Ranlett
 Richard Louis Redmond
 Barbara Evelyn Richardson
 Janice Elaine Richardson
 William G. Richardson, Jr.
 Charles Edward Riley
 Kenneth H. Roberts
 Marilyn Joyce Rogers
 Nancy Jean Rogers
 Patricia E. Rooney
 Hugh A. Ross, Jr.
 Herbert Louis Scheiner, Jr.
 Harriet Jacqueline Selfridge
 Joan Barbara Silva
 Lawrence James Skinner
 Robert Joseph Smith
 Ronald A. Smith
 Barbara May Snow
 Beverly Snyder
 Lois Ann Stevenson
 Nancy Rheel Stewart
 Richard Joseph Stosez
 Anne Theresa Surette
 Gerald J. Surette
 Joan Mary Sweatt
 Gerald E. Sweetland
 William M. Talbot
 Irene Catherine Turilli
 Donald Allen Upton
 Gretchen Vedder
 Rose Camella Anne Venuti
 Dorothy E. Walkup
 James Michael Wall
 Edward Allen Webb
 Virginia Anne White
 Natalie Ruth Zanni

**87th Annual Report of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES and LIBRARIAN
READING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Library Trustees

SYDNEY M. HODSON, Chairman

H. IRENE LATHAM

NEIL C. ROBINSON, Secretary

KATHERINE C. PIERCE

C. NELSON BISHOP

ROBERT E. STEWART

Expenditures

	1952	1953	1954
Salaries	\$ 11,970.00	\$ 11,835.00	\$ 12,846.00
Maintenance	5,927.00	5,923.00	7,041.00
Per Cent	1.4	1.3	1.3

The increase in circulation this year was 66% larger than last year's, indicating, perhaps that reading continues to supplant televiewing as a leisure time activity. The effect of this increase is reflected in the need to purchase, repair and rebind more books and to employ more part time workers.

The board regretted the resignation of Mr. William Tonks who served as trustee more than ten years, having been chairman since 1945. His efforts and leadership during the planning and execution of the library addition were significant and rewarding.

Mr. Kenneth Brown was elected in March. He was a promising addition to the board but due to an unfortunate illness he was unable to serve. The board learned with deep regret of his untimely death.

Mr. Robert E. Stewart was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board and Mrs. Herbert Merrill was appointed to full time Children's Librarian.

Two maps of old Reading surrounded with sketches of houses of the period were executed by Mr. Elmer Rising and mounted in the panels over the fireplaces in the reading room by Mr. DeMelle Garey. They add materially to the decor of this attractive room.

It is gratifying to have the library facilities used more often by discussion groups.

The staff and custodian have served with great credit to themselves, as testified by numerous compliments concerning their pleasant and efficient service.

SUMMARY OF THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Success of this year is attested by an increase in circulation of more than 4000 and about 900 new borrowers. Improvements in the Children's Room — such as new book shelves, rearrangement of materials and the appointment of a full time librarian — have made this part of the library service more effective. Children are requesting more books on science and biography. In fact, the general demand for non-fiction has led to the purchase of more of this type than of fiction. Greater use of references fostered the decision to purchase encyclopedias, using interest from the trust funds.

Gifts this year have included books of poems by former Reading residents Dr. Marion F. Ham and Walter Gerritson; bulbs planted by the Girl Scouts of Troop 22; flowers and plants for the reading room — for all of which we are grateful. We particularly appreciate the memorial books presented in memory of trustee, Kenneth L. Brown, whose death saddened the entire staff.

We are very gratified with the other memorial books contributed by relatives, friends and organizations. These were presented in memory of the late: Arthur W. Bancroft, Leon G. Bent, Robert M. Brown, Mary E. Burhoe, Ralph R. Gibson, Robert Gibson, Richard E. Loring, Everett Page, Lester Riley, Ralph W. Smith and Dr. Charles R. Wakeling.

Our exhibits have included such things as books and pamphlets of Reading, England presented by that city; handwork from the adult education classes sponsored by the YMCA; material from the Parker Tavern.

Submitted, with appreciation for the cooperation of the library staff and the Board of Library Trustees.

ANNA R. TURNER, Head Librarian

Statistical Report

Books Purchased	1953	1954
Adult	948	1249
Juvenile	427	509
Gifts	148	122
Withdrawn	59	196
Net Total	34,003	35,551
Circulation		
Adult	60,849	63,192
Juvenile	29,819	30,543
Misc.	3,776	5,595
Total	94,444	99,330
New borrowers	867	894
Fines received	1,238	\$1,333

NOTE: see the Accountant's Report for a breakdown of library expenses and a statement on trust funds.

RECREATION PROGRAM

Increased attendance continues to be the feature of the summer Recreation Program. Activities this year have been varied, to appeal to all age groups. Something has been doing from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M., from Monday to Friday, over an eight week period, plus special programs every Saturday morning. Feature events include movies, play days with Winchester and Woburn, beach trips, dances, cookouts, plays by Boston Children's Theatre Group, Fourth of July Carnival, and the final week of championship contests with awards, culminating in the Carnival the final night at Birch Meadow.

In spite of uniformed Little and Pony Leagues, enthusiasm for games between playgrounds, in a more informal atmosphere, continued as usual, although the program lent its support to the uniformed groups.

Arts and crafts was a major part of the program, and could easily be expanded to meet the demand, if further facilities were provided.

With several hundred youngsters in daily attendance at our four playgrounds showing a yearly increase in numbers, there can be no doubt of the great need for a recreation program in Reading. The only question is whether the program is extensive enough to include all those who would participate if further facilities, equipment, and personnel were provided. This, of course, would require more money and your Recreation Committee is unanimous in the opinion that the program should be enlarged to meet the needs. Thought is being given to the advisability of a year-round program. Consideration should be given to the possibility of other playgrounds, to keep pace with the growing population. This would necessitate the development of additional areas.

Your Committee feels more strongly than ever that a swimming pool is necessary to meet a need, and would, fittingly, round out the program.

We wish to thank those who helped to make the program a success, especially the Reading Chronicle, which has given extensive coverage to all events.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman
LAWRENCE DREW
REV. JOSEPH GIUNTA
CARL PINKHAM
G. SUMNER TEEL
ROBERT TURNER
DOMINICK ZANNI, JR.

1954 REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE IN READING

The Middlesex County Extension Service is a publicly supported, educational institution to serve all the towns of the county in agriculture and home economics. In agriculture the work is developed county-wide under the direction of county councils made up of leading farmers in each of the main commodities as vegetables, fruit, poultry, dairying, livestock, and commercial flowers. A county bulletin is mailed monthly to all cooperating farmers, and timely information is furnished by circular letter, by radio, by telephone and by personal interview, and particular information is sent to those who request it.

Information and assistance was made available to all dairy and livestock producers in this area. Farm visits, circular letters, radio talks and local meetings were all employed as means of assisting the local farmers to better understand and keep abreast of the many changes in agricultural techniques.

The official dairy cow testing program in the area is directly supervised by the Livestock Agent and includes the service of complete record keeping on the production and feeding of dairy cows. All farmers in the area have available the services of the Artificial Breeding Program through the local Association, and a soil testing laboratory is maintained to serve all farmers or landowners who desire a soil analysis to determine the fertility of their soil.

Service was extended through the Extension Poultry Program in three primary areas: the poultry flock, its care and improvement, breeding, feeding, health, and merchandising, pricing, and consumer information; and the farmer, his farm and family, and agriculture, business management, youth work, and assistance to organizations. Members of the Poultry Advisory Committee are as follows: Arthur Wardwell, Park St., Eric V. Larson, 361 Lowell st., and Wm. Johnson, 468 West St. The Extension Service cooperated with the Middlesex County Poultry Association and the Minuteman Turkey Association in holding meetings for everyone interested.

Miss Lois Connor was Town Chairman. There were 61 girls and 18 boys carrying on Club projects. Some of the most outstanding exhibits at County Achievement Day came from Reading, Ruth Campbell being County winner and receiving an Excellent award in the State Contest. She was also State Clothing Achievement winner and received a trip to National Club Congress in Chicago. Four girls attended the 4-H Teen Tour in Boston. The Town Committee of Reading has been very active in acting as host to the Eastern Section Leaders. Priscilla Harrison, a member of the Service Club, was in charge of the Eastern Section Leaders' Banquet during the year. The Reading Lions Club furnished \$25 in prizes for the Agricultural Clubs.

Mrs. Ernest Durb, a Club leader, is Secretary of the Eastern Section 4-H leaders. Wendell Nelson was Chairman of the Sheep Show at the 4-H County Fair. Miss Lois Connor is a member of the Camping Committee. Mrs. Walter Connor received a fifteen-year pin for service as a

Club leader, and Mrs. John O'Brien received a pin for twenty years service at the State Leaders' Recognition Day. Club members also exhibited at the Grange Fair, the County Fair, the Horticultural Hall Show, and the Boston Poultry Show.

Home Demonstration Agents are ready to solve problems in home-making: foods, nutrition, canning, freezing, clothing, home furnishings and management, family life, family and community recreation. A monthly letter is sent to all who request it. Mrs. Ralph Buck and Mrs. Walter Rowell have served as active members of the Advisory Council. Program of work has included "Decorating with Pictures", with one leader participating; Slip cover construction, in two sections of town; and furniture refinishing. A training school for lampshade making in Reading attracted five leaders from Reading to teach these lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

Town Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

Your Board of Health has exercised its usual duties during the past year with but two significant things to report.

First: a change was made in the Garbage Collection by the employment of a new contractor. It is a welcome relief to be able to report that his services continue to be very satisfactory, judging from the few complaints which we receive.

Second: your Board of Health coordinated the fine work of the State Health Department, the National Polio Foundation, the School Health Department, the P.T.A. and many hardworking volunteers in doing Reading's part in the Polio Vaccine Field Trials. 1955 will prove whether this work was of value.

Your Board, being composed of taxpayers, is keenly conscious of the rising costs of municipal government. Considering that there are about 15,000 people in Reading, and about 4,200 dwellings we are spending \$2.00 per person or \$6.50 per dwelling per year for our health department, of which nearly 50% is for garbage collection. We can't help but feel that this is quite a bargain.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D., Chairman

SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

for the year ended

December 31, 1954

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

ALFRED H. DOLBEN, Chairman

Term expires 1957

FRANK D. TANNER, Secretary

Term expires 1955

DONALD L. MILLER

Resigned Oct. 1, 1954

PHILLIP G. WILLCOX

Appointed to fill vacancy

Manager

CLARENCE L. THOMAS

25 Haven St., Reading, Mass.

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board

Gentlemen:

Had not the year's summary been marked by the adverse effects of two tropical hurricanes, the operating results would have appeared quite favorable. Nevertheless, continuing its notable vigorous growth of the last 10 years, 1954 was accentuated by a record breaking demand for electricity as the amount of load added surpassed any during the decade with a demand $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the average annual load addition during that period. To distribute this output was a difficult task in a year when a strong spurt in housebuilding required unusual extensions of service, and when so much hurricane damage remained in need of repair long after service was restored.

Following is a brief account of the highlights of 1954, financial summaries, and pictures of noteworthy installations of new apparatus placed in service last year.

HURRICANE EXPENSE: \$91,430.11. This amount is a portion of certain damages or expenses incurred by "Carol" segregated for purposes related to the Commonwealth relief measure for reimbursment of such damages to municipal agencies. The total adverse effect on the year's operations considerably exceeds \$100,000.

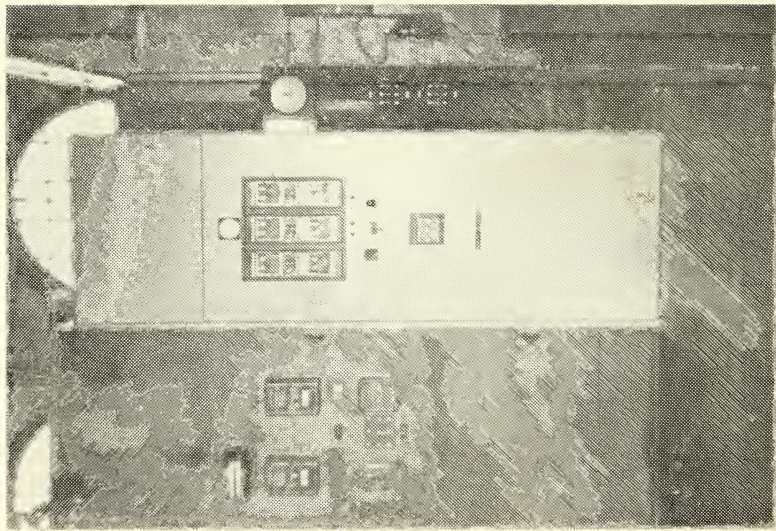
The impact of "Carol" and "Edna" inflicted the worst blow in the Department's history, leaving in its wake 10,200 customers out of service. About 40 poles, hundreds of cross arms, 8 transformers, scores of meters and thousands of feet of wire were downed.

Not counting the substantial assistance received from other municipal agencies, 17,225 manhours were required by the working forces under the direction of this Department to restore service under trying conditions. Up to 103 men — 35 Light Department employees and 68 outside men — worked from dawn to dark for weeks using twenty line vehicles of various types to restore service on a temporary basis.

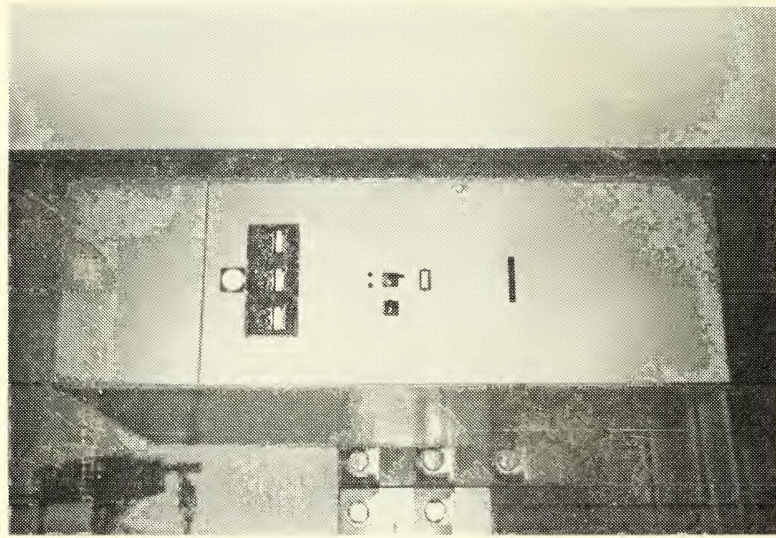
The Department expresses its appreciation for the cooperation received from the personnel and officials of various governmental agencies, to its employees for their exhausting efforts in the restoration work, to the customers who showed patience and consideration during the disruption of service, and to the efforts of outside crews who helped us during the emergency.



3,000 KVA Load Center Sub-station in North Reading



15,000 Volt Feeder Control Cubicle in Ash St.
Station for Cable Line to North Reading



15,000 Volt Control Cubicle in Ash St. Station
for New System Supply Cable Line from
Stoneham

PEAK LOAD: 13394 Kilowatts. Our customers' peak demand which occurred between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. on December 21st was double that of 1948 when 6624 kilowatt was recorded.

Such a demand by customers serves as a yardstick for the amounts required for construction budgets needed to assure that capacity will be adequate to meet customers' demands.

CUSTOMERS: 10782. Service was extended to 537 new customers in 1954, a number exceeded only in 1950 when 578 new services were added and considerably above the yearly average of 416 new connections added since the beginning of the building boom in 1946.

During the last ten years the gain in customers in the outside towns increased by 2,350 as compared to 1,297 added in Reading. Customers in those towns now total 5,800, thus exceeding the 4,978 in Reading, a reversal of proportions that existed in 1945 when there were 3,445 customers in the outside towns against 3,681 in Reading.

ENERGY PURCHASED: 42,144,489 Kilowatt Hours. For the second consecutive year the cost of incoming electricity purchased at our Ash Street station decreased to effect a saving of about \$20,228 less than the cost level of 1952 as the average cost per kilowatt hour dropped to 1.546 cents compared to the 1952 cost of 1.594 cents. This downtrend in the past two years reflects an increase in the use of electricity during "off peak" hours.

ENERGY SOLD: 38,035,664 Kilowatt Hours. Marking a new annual high in electricity sales the 1954 sales figure showed an increase of nearly 4 million kilowatt hours above the previous year. The highest annual gain in the department's record would have been realized were it not for the loss of sales during the hurricane outages. In 1954 average home consumption was 2,670 kilowatt hours per year per customer as compared to the national average of 2,540 kilowatt hours.

OPERATING REVENUES: \$1,140,368.38. Customers continued to obtain more electricity per dollar in 1954 when the average revenue per kilowatt hour declined to 2.99 cents from 3.09 cents in the year before as they used more in the lower priced steps.

PAYMENT TO THE TOWN TREASURER (IN LIEU OF TAXES): \$70,033.26. In accordance with a motion at the annual town meeting in March 1954 the Light Department paid \$70,033.26 to the Town Treasurer, an amount equal to 2½ per cent of the total cost of fixed plant and general equipment as of December 31st of the preceding year plus 10 per cent of the net income for the preceding year as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws.

Since inauguration in 1934 contributions paid in lieu of taxes to the Town Treasury total \$870,263.74.

ADDITIONS TO PLANT: \$219,054.81. An overall measure of construction required to keep pace with customers' demand for electricity is indicated by the jump in cost of plant since the beginning of the past war boom as it jumped from \$1.3 million to \$2.5 million. Percentage wise this increase closely approximates the 100 per cent increase of expenditures for new construction incurred by the electric industry as a whole.

Major additions last year included a new 13,800 volt cable line which went into service on October 19th to supply a 3000 KVA transformer unit in North Reading with outdoor metal clad distribution circuit controls, thus making available for service in Reading transformer capacity at the Ash Street station equal to the power formerly supplied from the Ash Street units.

On November 6th a new 500,000 CM cable line, installed jointly by this Department with the Boston Edison Company within each other's respective territorial limits, went into service to increase our incoming power cable capacity from 13,250 KVA to 23,450 KVA.

Extensions and enlargements of distribution facilities to new and existing connections required expenditures of about \$101,000 for 1,227 KVA of net additional installed line transformer capacity, 870 new meters, poles, conductors and for new street lighting installations.

Five more line service vehicles were equipped with mobile radios early last year so that all ten vehicles used for distribution operations were able to use two way communication during the hurricanes to greatly expedite the restoration of service.

In conclusion, gratitude is expressed to the members of the Municipal Light Board as they continued to serve the Town by their helpful guidance with the problems of this Department, to the cooperation of other boards, officials, personnel of other Town Departments in Reading and in the Towns of Wilmington, North Reading and Lynnfield Center, and to the employees of the Light Department who have carried out their duties to the Town.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1955

INCOME:

From Private Consumers	\$1,200,927.60
From Tax Levy—	
For Street Lights	17,000.00
For Municipal Buildings	12,106.63
From Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00
Mdse. and Jobbing	4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,235,534.23

EXPENSES:

Production	\$ 727,834.67
Distribution	126,350.00
Utilization	18,000.00
Commercial	38,100.00
New Business	150.00
General and Miscellaneous	60,440.40
Depreciation	98,665.00
Bond and Note Payments	30,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	7,554.25

Uncollectible Operating Revenue	2,500.00
Taxes — Outside Towns	22,500.00
Interest on Consumers Deposits	500.00
Route 28 Road Const.	25,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,157,594.32
Excess — Income over Expenses	\$ 77,939.91
K.W.H. Purchased	47,184,680
K.W.H. Sold	41,994,372
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights	580,000
Expense per K.W.H. Sold	2.756c
Cost of Street Lights	\$ 15,984.80
Appropriation for Street Lights	\$ 17,000.00

A summary of Income and Expenses, Total Cost of Plant, together with the statement of Assets and Liabilities, the Profit and Loss Account, and the Auditor's Certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE L. THOMAS, Manager

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors

16 Court Street

Boston, Massachusetts

February 17, 1955

To the Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1954, and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1954 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him with certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

ALFRED H. DOLBEN

FRANK D. TANNER

PHILLIP G. WILLCOX

Municipal Light Board

TOTAL COST OF PLANT
as of December 31, 1954

Cost of Electric Plant:—

Cost of Land — 226 Ash Street	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven St.	7,459.46
Wildwood St., Wilmington	700.00
Haverhill St., North Reading	3,219.19
Cost of Structures — 226 Ash Street	66,848.87
25 Haven Street	28,093.90
Cost of Transformer Station and Substation Equip.	453,863.74
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	1,088,043.31
Cost of Underground Conduits	131,981.90
Cost of Underground Conductors	268,772.39
Cost of Consumers Meters	132,708.91
Cost of Consumers Meter Installations	40,455.78
Cost of Line Transformers	156,020.01
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	9,776.06
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	73,664.88
Total Cost of Electric Plant	\$2,464,184.20
Cost of General Equipment	36,172.93
Total Cost of Plant and General Equipment	\$2,500,357.13

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
for the year ending December 31, 1954

REVENUES:

Residence Service	\$ 850,750.64
Commercial Service	161,620.12
Primary Power — Wholesale	67,971.55
Municipal Service	18,421.49
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants	3,641.61
Street Lighting Service	37,962.97
Miscellaneous Income	9,264.38
Total Revenues	\$1,149,632.76

EXPENSES:

Production Expenses	\$ 651,616.45
Distribution Expenses	113,615.59
Utilization Expenses	15,702.67
Commercial Expenses	39,292.29
New Business Expenses	92.51
General Expenses	50,719.18
Depreciation Expenses	89,521.64
Interest on Bonds and Notes	6,632.73
Taxes — Personal Property Outside Towns	19,420.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	1,788.39
Interest on Consumers Deposits	476.45
Retirement Pensions	6,900.40
Bonds and Notes Paid	30,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,025,778.30
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ 123,854.46
Transfer to Town Treasurer	70,033.36
Net Increase of Profit and Loss Surplus	\$ 53,821.10

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as of December 31, 1954

FIXED ASSETS:

Land	\$ 13,954.45
Structures	51,257.45
Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equipment	306,878.43
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	538,045.54
Underground Conduits	81,126.05
Underground Conductors	188,274.96
Consumers Meters	68,113.61
Consumers Meter Installations	18,316.28
Line Transformers	104,539.75
Line Transformer Installations	4,704.72
Street Lighting Equipment	8,111.83
General Equipment	36,172.93
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,419,496.00

CURRENT ASSETS:

Construction Fund	\$ 37,866.67
Depreciation Fund	65,320.26
Petty Cash	300.00
Consumers Deposit Fund	11,050.00
Accounts Receivable	132,032.60
Materials and Supplies	94,699.37
Total Current Assets	\$ 341,268.90
Prepaid Insurance	479.06
Totals	\$1,761,243.96

LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable	\$ 61,000.00
Bonds Payable	261,000.00
Accounts Payable	1,099.16
Consumers Deposits	11,050.00
Town Treasurer — Petty Cash Fund	300.00
Interest Accrued	2,314.73
Loans Repayment	709,578.26
Total Liabilities	\$1,046,342.15
Profit and Loss	714,901.81
Totals	\$1,761,243.96

NOTE: A contingent liability in the amount of \$13,546.49 existed as of December 31, 1954 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
as of December 31, 1954

Balance January 1, 1954	\$ 660,739.16
Net Income — before Bond Payments	153,854.46
Miscellaneous Credits	436.50
Total Credits	\$ 815,030.12
Bonds and Notes Paid	\$ 30,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town	70,033.36
Miscellaneous Debits	94.95
Total Debits	\$ 100,128.31
Balance December 31, 1954	\$ 714,901.81

REPORT OF THE WELFARE AGENT

To the members of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance and the citizens of the town of Reading the following report of the Welfare Department activities for the year 1954 is respectfully submitted:

The present staff of the Welfare Department is composed of the following named persons:

Newell H. Morton, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

Daniel L. Chamberlain, Board and Bureau member.

Donald C. McKie, Board and Bureau member.

Quincy B. Park, Agent.

Gladys M. Wilson, Social Worker.

Virginia C. Smith, Social Worker.

Anne A. Bleau, Senior Clerk.

Patricia E. Evans, Junior Clerk-Typist.

Elsie M. Kriehn, Junior Clerk-Typist.

Mr. Edward E. Harnden, who served as agent for a period of eighteen years, retired and Mr. Park was appointed by the members of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance as Welfare Agent effective August 30, 1954.

During 1954, sixty-seven applications for assistance in all categories were received. After thorough examinations to determine eligibility by social workers or agent, a total of fifty-seven applications were approved and aid granted.

Twenty-nine applications were made for aid from Old Age Assistance funds. Twenty-six applications were approved for payment. Two applications were denied due to ineligibility and one application was voluntarily withdrawn by applicant.

Nine applications were made for assistance from Aid to Dependent Children funds. Seven applications were approved, one denied due to ineligibility, and one case denied assistance and not approved.

Six applications were made for aid from Disability Assistance funds, all of which met the eligibility requirements and were approved.

Twenty-three applications were made for assistance from General Relief funds and eighteen cases were aided.

Welfare

Case Load for 1953 — 43 for 138 persons

Case Load for 1954 — 41 for 103 persons

Expended	1953	1954
Cash Payments	\$ 13,066.00	\$ 14,050.45
Material Grants and Burials	3,576.90	1,912.04
Nursing Homes	1,787.50	780.00
State Institutions	1,202.65	493.84
Division of Child Guardianship	313.53	22.49
Payments to other cities and towns	1,305.58	6,473.57
Totals	\$ 21,252.32	\$ 23,732.39

It will be noted that total cash payments for the year 1954 exceeded what was paid in 1953. Other payments with the exception of aid rendered by other cities and towns to Reading settled cases showed a substantial decrease.

It is expected that due to somewhat unsettled economic conditions it may be necessary to expend a larger amount in this category of assistance during 1955.

Disability Assistance

	1953	1954
Case Load (average for entire year)	13.5	11.66%
Cash Grants	\$ 8,472.72	\$ 8,438.50
Material Grants	2,853.95	2,000.70
Board (including payments to Nursing Homes)	2,163.37	None
State Institutions	624.78	256.78
Totals	\$ 14,114.82	\$ 10,695.98

Reimbursement to the Town of 75% of all funds expended in this category of assistance is made from Federal and State funds. It will be noted that cash payments for 1954 were about the same amount as was paid in previous year. Material grant payments were considerably less and no payments were necessary for Nursing Home care.

Aid to Dependent Children

Case Load for 1953	16 cases for 45 persons
Case Load for 1954	16 cases for 49 persons

Expended

	1953	1954
Cash payments	\$ 23,527.95	\$ 22,702.43
Material Grants	1,526.31	2,782.04
Total	\$ 25,054.26	\$ 25,484.47

Several cases aided during 1953 were closed during 1953 and 1954. However, new cases that were approved offset any decrease in average case load.

Cash payment totals showed a slight decrease and can be accounted for through cash payments received from other sources by client. These other sources would include payments received from Social Security Survivor's Benefits, Court Orders for dependents support and from children who have completed their schooling and are providing a portion of the families' needs through employment.

Old Age Assistance

	1953	1954
Case Load (monthly average)	223	211

Expended

Cash Grants	\$ 194,035.75	\$ 142,742.75
Material Grants	19,290.00	54,879.46
Other Cities and Towns	5,043.73	4,259.42
Total	\$ 218,419.48	\$ 201,881.63

Cash grant payments show a very substantial decrease during 1954. This is attributed to an average of twelve less cases being aided each month. Also a number of Old Age clients have been admitted to Nursing Homes. At the present time thirty-five recipients of Old Age Assistance are confined to Nursing Homes and in most cases the maximum board and room and care rate of \$35.00 weekly is necessary.

This payment of board, room and care is paid from Material Grant account and is largely responsible for a substantial increase in amount expended in 1953 listed as Material Grant account.

Reimbursements to Town Treasurer

Old Age Assistance

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursements	\$ 88,594.56	E. & D.
Federal Reimbursements	86,984.79	OAA
Other Cities and Towns	4,986.31	E. & D.

Aid to Dependent Children

State Reimbursements	\$ 8,712.97	E. & D.
Federal Reimbursements	12,349.17	ADC

Disability Assistance

State Reimbursements	\$ 4,007.02	E. & D.
Federal Reimbursements	5,900.65	D.A.
Checks returned	90.55	D.A.

General Relief

State Reimbursements	\$ 5,468.13	E. & D.
Other Cities and Towns	1,118.69	E. & D.

Summary

State reimbursement for all catagories of assistance credited to Excess and Deficiency Account	\$ 106,782.68
Reimbursement from Other Cities and Towns and credited to Excess and Deficiency Account	6,105.10
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Total Credited to Excess and Deficiency Account	\$ 112,887.78
Federal Reimbursement Credited to Assistance Accounts	\$ 105,234.56
Checks returned and credited to Assistance Account	90.55

The entire staff of the Welfare Office would like to express their appreciation to the members of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance for their whole hearted co-operation during the past year.

The staff would also like to express their appreciation to those who are clients and who have been most understanding and co-operative.

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY B. PARK

Agent, Board of Public Welfare

**ONE HUNDREDTH REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF
REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN
AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The 1954 report of the Fire Chief, Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm is hereby submitted.

Manual Force. The permanent force consists of twenty men including the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, and two Lieutenants. There are fourteen full time call firemen and five half time call firemen and a call Dispatcher. There are 30 active members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. Three men attended the Oil Burner course conducted by the Oil Heat Institute during 1954 and three others will attend the school in 1955. Bi-weekly drills were held during the summer evenings for both regular and Auxiliary firemen.

Apparatus. Located at the Central Station are: Ladder 1, a Seagrave 65 ft. Junior Aerial Ladder Truck; Engine 1, a 1000 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engine 2, a 400 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine in reserve; Engine 4, a 500 gal. per min. front end Pumping Engine and having a 100 gal. per min. portable pump, used for brush fires; Engine 6, a 750 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engines 7 and 8 are 500 gal. per min. Auxiliary Trailer pumps; Engine 9, a one ton Chevrolet utility truck with 250 gal. per min. front end pump; a two wheel hose trailer; and a Chevrolet Sedan Chief's car. Located at Station No. 2 on Woburn Street are: Engine 3, a 600 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engine 5, a Chevrolet with a 400 gal. per min. front end pump, manned by the Auxiliary Fire Service. A two-way Radio was purchased this year and installed on Ladder 1. Engine 9 was repainted. Continuous maintenance to the motor apparatus was carried out through the year to keep them in good condition.

Service Record. The department responded to 93 bell alarms, 3 of which were false; 171 telephone calls; verbal 14; radio 15; 462 service calls, 112 of which were due to the two hurricanes; a total of 755 or 138 more than 1953. Included in the total calls are 102 for grass, brush, peat and woods; 22 dump fires, 20 of which were in the town dump on John St.; buildings 88; motor vehicles 18; aid to other communities 16. Other departments to Reading 12. Apparatus traveled a total of 16,723 miles during the year.

Calls for oxygen 8; resucitator 5; in various locations 14 tests were made for suspected gas leaks. Minor injuries were received by 18 firemen. The fire loss for 1954 on property endangered, valued at \$118,543.00 was \$9,144.45, a decrease of \$15,134.23 from the 1953 loss. Of the loss, \$7,702.45 was covered by insurance, making the uninsured loss \$1,442.00. The following equipment was used: 15 CO₂ Extinguishers; 1 Dry Powder Extinguisher; 1 Soda-Acid Extinguisher; 202 booster tanks of water; 34,200 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch booster hose; 17,300 ft. of 1½ inch hose; 16,200 ft. of 2½ inch hose; 2,723 ft. of ladders including the aerial 27 times; 17 waterproof covers spread; smoke ejectors used 20 times; during hurri-

cane "Carol" and for a number of days thereafter, the men were on a 24 hour schedule, handling the many calls for assistance to protect property of residents. During hurricane "Edna", again the men were all kept on duty until the emergency was past and many various services were performed by the department. On May 17th Engine 4 and Auxiliary Engine 8 trailer pump were sent to Peabody to assist that community when the dam at the Flame water basin broke, allowing millions of gallons of water to flood the business district of Peabody. Our pumps operated about 10 hours each.

Fire Prevention. Some lecturing was done during Fire Prevention Week at the schools. Inspections of business properties, places of public assembly and the nursing homes have been made as required. 257 inspections made of Power Burner installations and storage for same; 52 inspections of Liquefied Petroleum Gas storages; 25 inspections of Range Burners and storage for same, 1 inspection of oil burning water heater; 47 permits were issued for blasting; 2 permits for storage of diesel fuel; 1 permit for storage of class A fluids; 1 permit for a supervised fireworks display; numerous inspections made of fire hazards, tank locations, as requested or upon complaint. 13 buildings were destroyed by this department by burning, at request of owners in connection with land clearing, or to remove hazards. Many permits were issued for fires in the open air.

Fire Stations. During the first hurricane, much slate was blown off the roof of the Central Station and this has been replaced as well as some of the copper flashing that was ripped away. The Woburn Street station had many shingles blown off the roof as well as the bell tower during the first hurricane and this was replaced. Before the second hurricane, windows in both stations were boarded up, and the shutters made by the permanent men are being stored in the event they are needed in the future.

Late this year at a special town meeting, funds were made available to secure plans and engineering services concerning altering or replacing the fire station on Woburn Street. The present station was erected in 1874 to house a hand drawn engine and at present there are two motor propelled engines in this station and no permanent men. A serious condition exists when apparatus is held up at a railroad crossing when responding from the center to the west side of town. It will be necessary to replace some of the window sash in the Central Station.

Fire Alarm. The overhead construction of the fire alarm system was extensively damaged by the hurricanes and repairs were made and service restored as soon as possible. At the Goodall-Sanford Plant, the machine which operates the steam fire whistle intalled in 1894 has been replaced with a more modern machine. Underground wires have been installed on Pleasant Street from the fire station to John Street. Overhead wires have been extended on Pine Ridge Road from Oak Street to Sylvan Road. Box 342 has been placed on a pedestal on Oakland Road and connection made to the interior fire alarm system of the New High School. Box 5414 has been installed at the plant of the Mystic Valley Gas Company. Two damaged outside cases of fire alarm boxes were

replaced. It will be necessary to replace a twelve conductor cable under Washington Street from Main Street east. A new box was installed and located at Lewis Street and Wentworth Road, number 146. Overhead construction has been changed to new poles when necessary and much tree trimming and placing of tree insulators has been done where needed.

Recommendations. That the permanent force be increased. That additional two-way radios be purchased for apparatus. That the Woburn Street Fire Station be replaced as soon as possible and permanent firemen stationed there. That an addition be built to the Central Fire Station. That the Fire Alarm System be extended and additional boxes added. Also recommend the installation of a gasoline driven electric generator to supply the Fire and Police Stations during any failure of the current supply.

Conclusion. I wish to thank your honorable board for co-operation received during the year, the members of the department and Auxiliary Fire Service for efficient performance of duty and faithful service, especially during the two hurricanes. I wish also to thank the operators at the local telephone exchange for efficient service in passing emergency messages, the Red Cross Motor Service and canteen, and other town departments and citizens who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES

Chief of the Fire Department, Forest
Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Feb. 14, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading
Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

We wish to submit herewith our annual report on the Reading Town Forest for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The Town Forest first planted with seedlings in 1930, is now a reality, with healthy, vigorous stands of White Pine, Red Pine, Spruce and Hemlock rapidly nearing marketable size. The citizens of Reading owe a vote of gratitude to those who, twenty-five years ago, had the vision and foresight to plan and plant a Town Forest, which was acquired in 1930, comprises 200 acres of land, and has had 149,000 seedling trees planted to this date.

During 1954, Reading District Boy Scouts of America aided materially in furthering improvements at the Town Forest by participating in President Eisenhower's National Conservation Good Turn. Two group work days were held at the forest, one in March and one in October,

as well as many Troop, Patrol and individual work days through the year. Each troop was assigned a project consisting of one of the following methods of Silviculture; trimming and pruning forest trees, removing diseased or scrub trees, removing undergrowth, cutting fire lanes, and preparing new areas for planting seedlings. Several areas of scrub-oak waste land have been reclaimed for planting, and will be planted with White Pine seedlings in the spring of 1955.

A Forester from the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association has inspected the Town Forest and recommends selective marketing of certain areas for pulp wood. When this is done, a cash return will be realized, and the Town Forest will become self-supporting.

The Town Forest was posted during the year during times of extreme fire hazard, and a Forest Fire Patrol maintained by the Fire Department. Preceding the Christmas season, it was necessary to employ guards at the Town Forest to prevent the illegal cutting and removal of small trees and evergreen boughs by persons seeking to procure Yuletide decorations at the expense of the Citizens of Reading. In the past much damage has been caused by unlawful and promiscuous cutting of spruce, fir and hemlock trees.

Your Committee recommends the acquisition of a tract of land on the Southerly perimeter of the Town Forest. Negotiations have been made with the present owner for purchase at a nominal price.

With the cooperation of the Board of Public Works, a steep, rough portion of Town Forest roadway is being removed for better access to the Forest by Fire Department vehicles, the gravel being utilized by the Public Works Department for highway construction. When completed, the present 14% gradient of the roadway will be reduced to a 5% gradient.

We wish to express our appreciation to all Municipal departments and civic organizations who have aided us in furtherance of the Town Forest during the year.

Very respectfully yours,

HUGH L. EAMES, Chairman
MAURICE H. DONEGAN
JAMES T. PUTNAM

Town Forest Committee

AGENT FOR VETERANS' BENEFIT

January 12, 1955

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Agent of Veterans' Benefits and Director of Veterans' Services for the year 1954.

We have assisted 46 cases financially, varying from an individual to families of six during the year.

Medical expense in these cases has continued to rise and unemployment seemed to increase towards the end of the year a little more than is seasonable.

The conditions seem to forecast a greater demand for financial help in 1955.

The demand for Veterans' Services continues. Veterans seeking benefits under U. S. bills are aided and their dependents.

Many of the later veterans are seeking higher education and we are able to assist them in their applications by photo copies of their separation papers and other ways.

We continue to assist the older veterans and their dependents in obtaining pensions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,

Agent

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

To the Board of Selectmen,

Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves for the year ending December 31, 1954. This report is predicated upon the requirements of Sec. 9, Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and Clause 12, Chapter 144 of the Acts of 1947.

Where Veterans of the armed services have served in more than one war or insurrection, the following listing gives the Veteran credit for only one:

Veteran	Credited Service		
41	Revolutionary War		
12	War of 1812		
2	Mexican War		
291	Civil War		
1	Indian War		
24	Spanish War		
100	World War I		
24	Mass. State Guard Service in W. W. I		
29	World War II		
1	Korean Service		
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Total	525		
Appropriation for 1954			\$ 1,200.00
Pay Roll		\$ 1,116.15	
Repairs on Veteran Graves		83.85	
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		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

There were eight Veterans interred during 1954 as follows:

World War I

Henry O. Collins, Lot No. 144, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Apr. 26, 1954, buried Apr. 29, 1954.

Clifton H. Stokes, Lot No. 94A, Forest Glen Cemetery, died May 17, 1954, buried May 19, 1954.

George E. Thorburn, Lot No. 380, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Aug. 2, 1954, buried Aug. 4, 1954.

World War II

Edward Gazarian, Lot No. 290, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Jan. 9, 1954, buried Jan. 12, 1954.

Leslie A. Scott, Lot No. 21, Forest Glen Cemetery, died June 23, 1954, buried June 26, 1954.

Alfred A. Carbonneau, Jr., Lot No. 285, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Aug. 25, 1954, buried Aug. 28, 1954.

Kenneth L. Brown, Lot No. 48, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Sept. 6, 1954, buried Sept. 9, 1954.

Mass. State Guard

John J. Murray, Lot No. 279, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Apr. 10, 1954, buried Apr. 14, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ending

December 31, 1954

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Public Works herewith submits its annual report.

Functions

The Board of Public Works has jurisdiction over the following departmental subdivisions:

Administration, Engineering Division, Water (including supply, distribution, construction and maintenance), Highway construction and maintenance, Removal of Snow and Ice, Sidewalk construction and maintenance, Storm Drain construction and maintenance, Town Dump, Sewer construction and maintenance, Sewer house connections, Parks care and maintenance, Playgrounds care and maintenance, Chap. 90 construction and maintenance, Equipment purchase and maintenance, many Betterments construction and billing, Pensions, Bridges care and maintenance, Garage care and maintenance, and other special and pertinent subdivisions. Each of the above divisions entails many detailed operations which, it is felt, are too numerous to list here.

The Board of Public Works is also, ex officio, the Board of Survey. As such they have jurisdiction over all proposed subdivisions. This includes consideration of the proposed layout for lines and grades and their effect on abutting lands and the Town as a whole. Also the responsibility to see that all prescriptions placed on the development by the Board of Survey and the Board of Health are carried out.

The major problems which faced the Board during the year 1954 lay in the fields of personnel, sewerage, drainage and sidewalks.

On May 28, 1954, the Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Philip Welch, who had been Superintendent of Public Works in Reading for the past nineteen years. James T. Putnam, a long-time employee of the department, was appointed Acting Superintendent.

This Board has for some years given considerable thought to the problem of offering adequate compensation to supervisory employees of the department, and to the problem of providing opportunity for advancement for all employees. The Board believes that advancement should come by working up through the department. To provide for adequate compensation for supervisory employees, the Personnel Board was requested to raise the maximum of this classification.

A continuous increase in the number of requests for extension of common sewers and improvements in storm drainage was noted. This Board believes that insofar as is possible, appropriations for work should come from the tax levy. Substantially increased appropriations for this work were sought and obtained. The increased appropriations have not served to eliminate a substantial backlog in this work, but marked relief was obtained.

The sidewalk policies of this Board were reviewed. Presently, more money is spent for maintenance than for construction of sidewalks. Also the existing policy of constructing sidewalks piecemeal at the

request of the abutter was carefully reviewed. As a result, the Board has decided:

1. To seek a substantial increase in the funds allotted for Sidewalk Construction.
2. To construct sidewalks where they will do the Town the most good, and to construct them so as to provide complete sidewalks, block by block.

The schedule of Betterment Assessments for sidewalks, curbing, sewer house connections and streets was carefully reviewed and modified as evidence demonstrated that change was desirable.

Substantial increases in Chapter 90 Construction and Maintenance funds were sought and obtained from State and County authorities.

South Street, from West Street 1600 feet Southerly to Hy Hapi Lane, was widened and reconstructed by the Board.

The major problems for 1955 are:

1. A careful review of present maintenance policies and schedules.
2. A careful review of the working of the Road Machinery Fund and Road Machinery Operating Accounts.
3. Establishment of more intimate contact with Departmental problems by frequent consultation with all supervisory employees.
4. Continuous review of the adequacy of existing capital outlay programs.

The Board of Public Works has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and wish to acknowledge the cooperation extended to them by other Departments.

The Board wishes also to commend the many conscientious employees of the Department for their loyalty and cooperation.

Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent for a more detailed list of Departmental accomplishments by divisions.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman

COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary

KENNETH R. JOHNSON

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Expenditures

Item	1954	1953	1952
Administration	\$ 10,153.49	\$ 10,489.80	\$ 9,293.08
Engineering Division	23,820.73	16,910.96	3,247.22
Highway Maint.	88,656.27	83,044.28	79,963.75
Chap. 90 Const.	13,625.28	27,447.78	23,590.88
Chap. 90 Maint.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Snow and Ice	31,445.55	30,854.28	35,192.07
Maint. Str. Drs.	12,000.00	10,199.69	8,994.71
Drain Const.	33,089.31	24,464.41	25,089.62
Sidewalks	17,469.19	18,788.30	17,805.25
Sewer Maint.	9,236.09)	23,608.02	24,185.00
Sewer Const.	22,273.14)		
Sewer House Conns.	8,131.95	8,643.77	7,530.52
Town Dump	5,239.38	4,800.00	4,397.84
Parks	17,329.74	16,340.07	16,112.59
Water	142,675.55	132,424.14	140,965.18
Street Betts.	5,210.00	6,100.69	61,309.06
Pensions	8,536.32	8,101.08	6,536.56
Rd. Mach. Op. Acct.	37,525.15	40,162.11	33,543.49
Resurf. Min. St. Bridge		1,835.64	
Spec. Water — Wells			19,839.38
Spec. Water — Standpipe	1,179.50	116,696.89	10,884.09
Parking Areas	3,424.30	480.00	
High School Sewer	126,403.26	60,442.19	
High School Roads	87,625.96	22,495.59	
High School Water Mains	100.00		
Bit. Conc. Resurf.	2,497.96	2,265.14	
Consulting Engineers		4,072.28	5,039.60
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	\$710,648.12	\$673,667.11	\$536,519.89
Less Available Funds	395,509.42	289,283.14	205,232.14
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	\$315,138.70	\$384,383.97	\$331,287.75

Superintendent's Report

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the thirty-fourth annual report of the Department of Public Works (Water, Highway, Sewer, Park, Engineering) and a chronicle of the principal work performed, with recommendations for the coming year.

Water Division

New water mains in sizes of 6" and 8" were installed totaling 4921.50 feet, and eight new fire hydrants set. There are now 65.819 miles of water main in our distribution system. New water services were installed at 114 locations, totaling 6,578.10 lineal feet. Services were renewed to 61 dwelling houses, and on South Main Street prior to resurfacing by the State Department of Public Works, 52 services were renewed from main to street line, and new services were installed to vacant lots for future use. Many old services were rodded to improve volume of water delivered to homes.

New water meters were installed to 98 dwelling houses, 442 meters were removed, repaired, tested and reset, and 18 meters were junked and replaced.

A total of 374,804,000 gallons of water was delivered to the distribution system by Water Pumping Stations No. 1, 2 and 3 at Hundred Acre Meadows. This is a decrease of 30,776,000 gallons from 1953, attributable to the excessive rainfall of 1954. The annual daily average in 1954 was 1,026,860 gallons. Highest single day's pumpage was on Friday, July 2, 1954 with 1,740,100 gallons, the highest week 11,608,500 gallons, and per capita consumption was 62.23 gallons per day. Rainfall at Hundred Acre Pumping Station during 1954 was 54.45 inches, an excess of 13.33 inches over the 54 year average of 41.12 inches. On Saturday, September 11, 1954 during Hurricane "Edna", 6.30 inches of rainfall was recorded, the heaviest 24 hour rainfall recorded since September 14, 1944. On Monday, September 13th the crest of flood waters from the hurricane deluge necessitated building sandbag barricades around Pumping Station No. 1 and 2. No damage to the well field or pumping station occurred as a result of the hurricane and flood.

It was necessary to replace 1078.66 Tons of sand in Filter No. 1 and 2 at the Deferrization Plant, and the rate of flow controls were completely rebuilt. The Deferrization Plant functioned satisfactorily during the year, removing iron from the raw water.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Major improvements to the highway system were as follows:

Chapter 90 Construction: Completed construction of Charles Street to Haverhill Street.

South Street Relocation:	Completed relocation of Westerly side-line of South Street from West Street 1575.47 feet Southerly.
Hillside Road:	Completed specific repairs to Hillside Road from Main Street to near Oakland Road, including construction of storm drains and bituminous concrete sidewalks.
Minot Street:	Excavated Easterly half of roadway, removed old railroad ties, gravel filled excavated area and surfaced with road oil.
Overlook Road:	Constructed from Springvale Road to Randall Road under Betterment Act.
John Carver Road:	Constructed from end of 1949 Acceptance to dead end, under Betterment Act.
High Street:	Applied bituminous concrete surface over existing surface from Washington Street to Woburn Street.

A street resurfacing program was begun in the late Spring and continued through the Summer and early Fall months, a total of 52,000 gallons of road oil being used to surface treat approximately 194,200 square yards of roadway. A process called armor-coating was used on several street surfaces with excellent results. This process consists of using pea stone in place of sand to cover the treated road-oil surface, and then rolling with a heavy gasoline road roller. The resulting stone surface is longer lasting and more skid-proof than the ordinary sand-covered surfaces. The open winter of 1954-1955 with continued cold weather will cause much damage to road surfaces in the spring of 1955, when the frost is drawn from the roadways, and an expanded surface-treating program is anticipated for 1955.

Chapter 90 Maintenance Funds (State-County aid) were used to armor coat West Street and part of Charles Street.

A total of 584.39 square yards of granolithic sidewalks and 890.80 square yards of bituminous concrete sidewalks were installed under the Betterment Act, whereby a portion of the cost of construction is borne by the abutting property owner.

A program of resurfacing existing bituminous concrete sidewalks badly in need of repairs resulted in the repair of 3317.38 square yards of sidewalks.

On North Main Street, a joint State-Town project resulted in a 600 foot stretch of new bituminous concrete sidewalks being installed.

Granite curbing totaling 797.96 lineal feet was installed abutting 14 properties under the Betterment Act, and corner radius curbing was installed at several dangerous street intersections.

The storm drainage system was extended a total of 2919.00 lineal feet, including 30 catch basins and 24 manholes. Two of the storm drain

projects were let out to contract, the remainder was installed with departmental personnel. Two particularly dangerous drainage problems were eliminated, one each on Franklin Street and Forest Street.

Removal of snow and ice during the early months of 1954 presented the usual problems, with special emphasis on sanding and salting icy streets. The closing months of the year engendered one plowable snow storm, but continued and protracted cold waves necessitated considerable highway sanding.

Hurricane "Carol" on August 31 and Hurricane "Edna" on September 10 caused considerable damage.

The work of removing fallen trees and debris from "Carol" had been nearly completed at the time of "Edna's" approach. The torrential rain accompanying "Edna" resulted in much damage from clogged culverts, catch-basins and overflowing brooks. Intervale Terrace culvert was almost completely blocked by collapse of its granite capstones, and a large washout was made in the roadway. All Departmental personnel and equipment was used on Hurricane Emergency work from August 31 to September 24 at which time all fallen trees, including their stumps, had been removed from highways, granolithic and bituminous sidewalks replaced, curbing reset, retaining walls rebuilt, etc. Catch basins, manholes and storm drains were clogged with leaves, twigs and small branches stripped from trees by the hurricanes, and during the late fall months were cleaned and flushed.

The Public Works Department personnel cooperated fully with the other Town departments during the emergency period, using heavy equipment as requested to remove trees from wires, poles, and dwelling houses. By utilizing the large gasoline-powered shovel, in several instances it was possible to remove large shade trees which were leaning on utility poles, thus saving breakage of the wires and cables.

The sum of \$20,498.99 was expended by the Public Works department for storm emergency work, which will be partially reimbursed by State funds.

John Street Dump

The Town Dump on John Street was maintained during the year, with periodic bulldozing and burning of debris. By a small monetary outlay for peat-removal, one or two years additional service will be obtained from the present dump before opening a new location.

Park and Playground Division

Maintenance work was accomplished at all Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation areas during the year. Frequent rainfalls necessitated above-normal grass cutting.

Memorial Park landscaping was advanced by gravel fill and forming of two ice-skating areas, and loam was rough-graded over a portion of the gravel fill. In the early Spring of 1955, the entire newly-filled area will be surfaced with available top-soil, fine graded, fertilized and seeded.

Birch Meadow Playground tennis courts sustained rather severe damage during the hurricanes. This damage has been repaired, and arrangements were made to surface two of the courts in the late Fall, but inclement weather prevented this latter work. Surfacing will be accomplished early in 1955.

A parking area was started at Sturges Ice Skating and Winter Sports area abutting Pine Ridge Road with surplus excavated material from near-by construction projects. In 1955 it is proposed to remove trees and remodel the present ice skating area to prevent flooding the yards of adjacent newly-constructed dwelling houses.

Little League Ball Field at Hunt Memorial Park on Pleasant Street was maintained during the year, and several requests have been received for grading of additional play areas at this location.

SEWER DIVISION

Main trunk sanitary sewers totaling 11,401.00 lineal feet were laid in 12 streets, including 46 manholes. Several of these streets presented difficult construction problems, with deep cut, trench ledge, running sand and unstable soil.

A total of 47 new sewer house connections were installed to 47 new or existing buildings, totaling 2546.30 feet.

Maintenance of main trunk sewers was expedited by the acquisition of a motorized sewer cleaning rig, and many existing sewers were thoroughly cleaned of foreign substances.

The sewage pumping station on Willow Street was put in operation on August 23, 1954, and has been in daily operation. At present this pumping station services only the new senior high school. During the flood caused by hurricane "Edna", flood water inundated the sewer manholes northerly of Intervale Terrace, and necessitated constant use of the station's gasoline-powered generator to expel flood waters from the station's wet well until regular municipal power could be restored.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division was occupied during the year in survey, plotting, design and inspection of construction work of varied nature including new roads, sewers, drains, sidewalks, curbing, water mains, etc. Much time was spent on a perimeter and location survey of the Birch Meadow Area in the location of the new senior high school and proposed elementary school. Much of this data was used by the Birch Meadow Study Committee to formulate plans for development of Birch Meadow for school purposes.

A longe-range master drainage study has been started by this division, which, when completed, will be of utmost value in future drainage planning.

BOARD OF SURVEY DIVISION

During the year, a total of 14 duly advertised public hearings were held on petition of contractors, developers and/or home owners for acceptance of streets. Estimates were made and bonds secured for construction of 5 of these locations. Grades were changed on several streets after due notice and hearing as required by law.

Many individual lots and/or small subdivision plans where the property abutted on public town ways were examined, and endorsed as not requiring Board of Survey approval under the Subdivision Control Law, Chapter 41, General Laws, for filing in the Registry of Deeds and Land Court.

Under the Subdivision Control Law, so-called, no Registry of Deeds in the Commonwealth will accept for registration any plan not so endorsed, provided the municipality where the land is situated has accepted the Subdivision Control Act.

Recommendations

With the rapid growth of the Town of Reading, many dwelling houses are being constructed on the less desirable building sites, and for the most part in outlying sections of the Town, often in low, swampy areas. This trend naturally results in demands for sanitary sewage extensions, storm water drainage intallations, piping of open water courses, etc. These demands are, in the home-owners estimation, justifiable and of extreme personal importance. Unfortunately, the backlog of petition for sewer and drain extensions far exceed the funds available in the yearly budget for this type of work.

The Municipal Garage should be added to in the near future for proper housing and maintenance of the Department's equipment and supplies.

In closing this report I wish to thank the Board of Public Works for their cooperation, the members of the department for their efficient work, and other town departments and citizens who have cooperated with and assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. PUTNAM, Superintendent

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1954

READING WATER DEPARTMENT

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population (estimated) — 16,400

Date of Construction of Pumping Stations — 1931, 1953

By whom owned: Town of Reading

Source of supply: artesian wells, gravel-packed wells

Mode of supply: pumping

Pumping Statistics

Builders of pumping machinery: DeLaval Steam Turbine Co., A. D. Miller, Inc.

Electric Pumps at Hundred Acres Stations

Pumping Station No. 1:

(A) — Pumping unit No. 1 — Electric two-stage $5\frac{1}{4}$ DeLaval 75 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 900 G.P.M.

(B) — Pumping unit No. 2 — Electric two-stage $8\frac{1}{6}$ DeLaval 125 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 1200 G.P.M.

Auxiliary Station No. 2:

Pumping unit — Cook Rotation Electric 50 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 850 G.P.M.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder Twin Disc Continental gasoline engine.

Auxiliary Station No. 3:

Pumping unit — Cook Rotation Electric 20 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 550 G.P.M.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder Twin Disc Continental gasoline engine.

K.W.H. electric power used for year — 534,500

Total pumpage (Venturi, Builders' Flo-watch meters) — 374,804,000 Gals.

Average number of gallons per K.W.H. — 701.22

Average static head against which pumps worked — 228

Average dynamic head against which pumps worked — 258

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) power only — \$23.17

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) based on total pumping station expenses — \$35.89

Cost of filtration (per million gallons) based on cost of plant operation — \$16.54

Cost of water supply (per million gallons pumped) figured on cost of maintenance, plus interest on bonds — \$210.01.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION — 1954

Kinds and sizes of pipes: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead-lined. — 1¼" to 12".

Main Extensions 1954 — 2" — 213.50 Ft. 6" — 3944.60 Ft. 8" — 977.20 Ft.

Total — 5135.30 Ft.

Total Length of mains now in use — 65.819 miles.

Number of hydrants added during year — 8.

Number of hydrants (public and private) in use — 411.

Number of stop gates added during year — 18.

Number of stop gates now in use — 1012.

Number of stop gates smaller than 4" — 166.

Number of blow-offs added during year — 2.

Number of blow offs now in use — 29.

Range of water pressure — 45 to 90 pounds.

STATISTICS RELATING TO SUCTION MAINS AND WELLS

Kind of Pipe — Cast Iron.

Size of Pipe — 8", 10", 12", 16".

Total Length Pipe in use — 8" — 4608.00 Ft. 10" — 832.00 Ft. 12" — 1820.00 Ft. 16" — 116.00 Ft. — Total — 7426.00 Ft.

Gates on suction and force mains now in use — 8" — 4. 10" — 1. 12" — 12. 16" — 1. Total — 18.

Wells on various lines — Line A — 6. Line B — 18. Line C — 11. Line D — 12. Line E — 16. Line F — 20. Line G — 8. Line H — 13. Line I — 9. Line J — 9. Line K — 8. Total 131. Gravel-packed wells to auxiliary pumping stations — 2.

STATISTICS RELATING TO SERVICES

Kinds of Pipe — Cast Iron, Cement-lined, Lead-lined, Galvanized Iron, Copper Tubing.

Sizes — ¾" to 6".

Extended in 1954 — 6,578.10 Ft.

No. Service connections made in 1954 — 114.

No. Services now in use — 4009.

Average Length of Services installed in 1954 — 57.70 Ft.

Number of new water meters tested — 98.

Number of old meters cleaned, repaired and tested — 442.

Number of water meters junked — 18.

Number of water meters now in use — 4551.

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATIONS

January 1, 1954 thru December 31, 1954

Month	No. Days	Pumped Hrs. Mins.	(Venturi Meters)			Total Pumpage	Power K.W.H.	Gals. per K.W.H.	Rainfall	Avg. Daily Gals. Pumped
			Station 1	Stations 2 & 3	Gallons Pumped					
January	31	589 00	29,364,900			29,364,900	43,300	678.17	2.34	947,255
February	28	544 30	27,063,800			27,063,800	38,500	702.96	2.53	966,564
March	31	613 30	30,415,600			30,415,600	43,500	699.21	3.13	981,148
April	30	616 30	30,684,400	50,600		30,735,000	42,000	731.78	3.93	1,024,500
May	31	617 30	30,344,200	816,700		31,160,900	42,600	731.67	10.97	1,005,190
June	30	637 45	30,919,100	3,871,000		34,790,100	48,500	717.32	1.46	1,159,670
July	31	665 30	31,022,900	10,408,700		41,431,600	61,400	674.78	2.16	1,336,503
August	31	585 15	27,768,500	7,380,800		35,149,300	51,300	685.17	5.88	1,138,480
September	30	521 45	26,313,200	2,896,800		29,210,000	41,000	712.44	9.92	973,666
October	31	489 15	26,908,200	2,060,300		28,968,500	41,400	699.72	1.61	934,468
November	30	560 45	27,632,200	111,100		27,743,300	39,700	698.82	5.27	924,776
December	31	588 15	28,653,400	117,600		28,771,000	41,300	696.63	5.25	928,097
Totals	365	7,029 30	347,090,400	27,713,600		374,804,000	534,500	701.22	54.45	1,026,860

HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE OF WATER — FOR PAST 10 YEARS

Year	Total Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease	Average Daily Pumpage	Increase or Decrease
1945	231,483,500	13,946,000 (D)	634,201	36,016 (D)
1946	258,826,800	27,343,300 (I)	709,115	74,914 (I)
1947	268,036,800	9,210,000 (I)	727,413	18,298 (I)
1948	288,389,200	20,352,400 (I)	787,948	60,535 (I)
1949	324,296,900	35,907,700 (I)	888,466	100,518 (I)
1950	328,962,800	4,665,900 (I)	901,265	12,799 (I)
1951	324,343,400	4,619,400 (D)	888,584	12,681 (D)
1952	352,404,400	28,061,000 (I)	962,854	74,270 (I)
1953	405,580,000	53,175,600 (I)	1,111,178	148,324 (I)
1954	374,804,000	30,776,000 (D)	1,026,860	84,318 (D)

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS -- 1954

Street	Location	Length of Pipe 2" 6" 8"	Total Hyds. Gates
Charles St.	Bainbridge Rd. to Dana Rd.	659.80	1 2
Dana Rd.	Dead-end, Westerly	335.00	335.00 1
Hartshorn St.	Longfellow Rd. Ext. to High School	188.40	188.40 1
Harvard St.	Dead-end, Westerly toward Lowell St.	32.00	32.00
Haverhill St.	Timberneck Drive, Southerly	157.40	157.40 1
Main St.	To new A & P Super-mart	70.50	70.50 1
Main St. (Wakefield)	To 2 new dwellings	213.50	213.50 1
Mark Ave.	Grove St., Westerly	355.00	355.00 1
Park Ave.	Dead-end, Westerly	64.00	64.00
Pearl St.	Dead-end, toward Wakefield St.	317.40	317.40
Pine Ridge Rd.	Dead-end, Southerly	82.00	82.00
Pine Ridge Rd.	South St., Northerly	411.00	411.00 1
Richard Rd.	Tamarack Rd., Westerly	891.50	891.50 1
Selfridge Rd.	West St. to Cottage Park	805.40	805.40 1
Timberneck Dr.	Dead-end to Haverhill St.	201.20	201.20
Wentworth Rd.	Near Lewis St., Southerly	96.00	96.00
West St.	Dead-end to Catherine Rd.	211.70	211.70 1
Off Haverhill St.	To U.S. Niki Defense Site	43.50	43.50 1
Totals	.....	213.50 3944.60 977.20	5135.30 8 18

RAINFALL AT HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

1954

Month	Normal Rainfall	1954 Rainfall	Excess or Deficiency 1954
January	3.48	2.34	1.14 (D)
February	3.14	2.53	0.61 (D)
March	3.72	3.13	0.59 (D)
April	3.73	3.93	0.20 (E)
May	3.28	10.97	7.69 (E)
June	3.40	1.46	1.94 (D)
July	3.30	2.16	1.14 (D)
August	3.38	5.88	2.50 (E)
September	3.57	9.92	6.35 (E)
October	2.90	1.61	1.29 (D)
November	3.60	5.27	1.67 (E)
December	3.53	5.25	1.72 (E)
Totals	41.12	54.45	13.33 (E)

TABLE SHOWING DAILY AMOUNTS OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW HUNDRED ACRES

1954

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.04	....	.12	....	T	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
2	....	.05	....	.02	.14	.03	....	....	....	.10	1.65	....
3	.64	.52	.70	.01	.91	....	....	1.42	.10	....	.33	....
4	....	T	....	....	.19	.07	....	.02	....	....	.01	....
5	.17	....	....	....	.02	.12	.98	....	....	....	....	....
6	....	....	....	.23	.01	....	....	....	....	.05	....	.21
7	....	....	....	....	....	.09	.12	....	.46	.11	....	....
8	....	.02	T	....	3.23	.20	....	....	.20	....	....	....
9	.35	....	....	....	.43	....	....	1.16	.60	....	....	.23
10	.16	T	....	T	.20	....	....	.16	.88	.17	....	.09
11	.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.30	....	....	....
12	.14	....	....	....	....	.18	....	....	....	....	....	....
13	....	....	.30	....	....	....	....	....	.20	....	....	....
14	.10	.02	.44	....	....	.62	.06	....	.10	....	....	1.87
15	....	....	....	....	2.67	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
16	....	.21	....	1.05	.08	.10	....	....	.60	....	....	....
17	....	.49	....	2.50	....	....	....	....	.02	....	.02	.01
18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.01	....	.23	1.23
19	....	....	.92	....	....	....	....	.07	.24	....	.54	.02
20	.04	....	....	....	.70	....	.25	....	....	....	.63	....
21	....	.72	....	....	1.12	....	.02	....	.12	....	.05	.64
22	....	....	....	....	.33	....	T	....	....	....	....	....
23	T	....	....	....	....	.06	....	....	....	....	....	....
24	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	....	....	....	.73	....
25	....	.50	.55	....	....	.01	.10	....	.02	....	.05	....
26	.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	.04	.06	T	....	....
27	.25	....	....	.12	....	....	.13	....	....	.09	.08	....
28	.10	....	....	....	....	.10	....	....	....	....	.94	.01
29	....	....	....	....	.93	.08	.18	....	.01	.77	.03	.73
30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.58	....	.30	....	.21
31	....	....	.10	....	....	....	.32	2.43	....	.02	....	....
Totals	2.34	2.53	3.13	3.93	10.97	1.46	2.16	5.88	9.92	1.61	5.27	5.25
Accum. Total	....	4.87	8.00	11.93	22.90	24.36	26.52	32.40	42.32	43.93	49.20	54.45

AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 THROUGH 1954 HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	4.69	6.11	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.80	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	1.02	2.24	2.48	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.95	1.32	3.08	4.18	4.77	36.74
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	2.28	2.57	41.00
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.87	3.63	39.03
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.88		

1930	.....	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	.....	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	.....	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	.....	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	0.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934	.....	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.35	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935	.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936	.....	3.09	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
1937	.....	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938	.....	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.65
1939	.....	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	33.48
1940	.....	2.22	4.34	3.68	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941	.....	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.65
1942	.....	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.02	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943	.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
1944	.....	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	5.32	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	43.57
1945	.....	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	4.28	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	45.95
1946	.....	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	5.26	3.39	1.90	8.64	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.09	38.32
1947	.....	3.10	1.03	3.69	4.91	3.27	2.58	5.83	1.44	3.33	0.44	6.24	3.09	39.91
1948	.....	4.33	2.11	2.84	2.63	5.38	4.63	4.83	1.08	1.00	3.08	5.41	1.41	38.73
1949	.....	3.47	3.28	1.25	4.25	3.37	0.84	1.78	5.05	4.28	1.93	3.03	1.86	34.39
1950	.....	4.41	3.12	3.67	1.95	1.38	1.38	1.91	4.19	1.56	3.27	6.31	3.53	36.68
1951	.....	3.33	3.79	4.76	1.87	4.74	3.47	4.72	2.11	1.77	5.15	6.84	4.56	47.11
1952	.....	4.65	3.71	3.67	4.45	5.14	1.50	0.93	8.85	1.83	1.32	2.27	4.14	42.44
1953	.....	6.72	2.96	7.57	5.43	4.81	1.09	2.31	0.64	1.46	5.52	5.91	3.81	48.23
1954	.....	2.34	2.53	3.13	3.93	10.97	1.46	2.16	5.88	9.92	1.61	5.27	5.25	54.45
Average ...	3.48	3.14	3.72	3.73	3.28	3.40	3.30	3.38	3.57	2.90	3.60	3.53	41.12	

KINDS AND SIZES OF WATER METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1955

Make	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	Totals
Nash	1466	14	17	1	4	2					1504
Hersey	533	11	24	6	8	7	1	1		1	592
Empire	1020	1	6		1		3				1031
Gamon	180		2								182
Pittsburgh	152	13		2							167
Trident	853	2	5		1						861
Crown	55	2	1		3	9					70
Lambert	45		2								47
Union	37		1				1				39
Worthington	37					1	2		2		42
Keystone	1			8							9
Thompson	4										4
Federal	2										2
Gem						1					1
Totals	4385	43	58	17	17	20	7	1	2	1	4551

STORM WATER DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION — 1954

Street	Length Pipe	No. C/Bs	No. H/Hs
Bay State Rd.	42.00	1	
Bear Hill Rd.	45.00		1
Bond Street	547.00	2	3
County Rd.	172.00	2	1
Forest St.	40.00		1
Forest Glen Rd.	477.00	2	4
Haverhill St.	160.00	2	
Howard St.	126.50	2	1
Kenneth Rd.	181.00	2	1
King St.	324.00	4	3
Pearl St.	1075.00	10	8
Pine Ridge Rd.	84.00		
Scotland Rd.	4.00	1	
Wakefield St.	13.50	1	
Wescroft Rd.	23.00	1	
Totals	3319.00	30	23

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS — 1954

Location	Size and Length of Pipe							M/ft	Y's	Total Length of Pipe	Pos- sible Conns.
	6" VC	8" VC	8" CI	10" VC	10" CI	12" VC	12" AC				
Chute St.		282.00						2	3	282.00	3
County Rd.		157.00					1	1	1	157.00	3
Hancock St.						662.00		3	13	662.00	13
High School (Main to:)		100.00		570.00	1930.00		4396.00	21		6996.00	
Oak St.		372.00	123.00					3		495.00	4
Pearl St. - Charles St.	64.00	688.00						8	16	752.00	18
Pennsylvania Ave.		628.00					2	2	10	628.00	12
Pine Ridge Rd.		638.00					8	2	3	638.00	12
Prescott St.		386.00						1		386.00	
Summer Ave.		280.00					1	1	2	280.00	3
Virginia Rd.		125.00						2	2	125.00	
Totals	64.00	3636.00	123.00	570.00	1930.00	662.00	4396.00	46	49	11,401.00	67

LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS — 1954

Street	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Arlington St.			399.80							399.80
Ash St.			1062.90		258.80					1321.70
Bancroft Ave.		72.50	1366.79							1439.29
Berkeley St.			1256.10							1256.10
Boyce St.			516.87							516.87
Brook St.									847.60	847.60
Cape Cod Ave.		82.00	536.65							618.65
Center Ave.			620.60							620.60
Chapin Ave.		529.00								529.00
Charles St.		75.00	845.00							920.00
Chute St.	191.00		402.13							593.13
Copeland Ave.			500.00							500.00
County Rd.			157.00							157.00
Crosby Rd.		309.30								309.30
Deering St.		107.00								107.00
Dudley St.		349.74	374.50							724.24
Eaton St.					622.70	907.70				1530.40
Echo Ave.			371.83	95.40	79.00					546.23
Edwin St.		198.62								198.62
Elliott St.			489.00							489.00
Elm St.			383.28							383.28
Fairview Ave.			1084.30							1084.30
Fremont St.			456.50							456.50
Gardner Rd.			475.00							475.00
Gilmore Ave.	181.80									181.80
Glen Rd.		602.00								602.00
Gould St.	172.70		296.39							469.09
Grand St.		767.35								767.35
Green St.		175.20	1717.40			821.60				2714.20
Hancock St.		250.00			1011.80					1261.80
Harnden St.			559.30							559.30
Harrison St.				565.00	822.50					1387.50
Haven St.		236.50	1752.80							1989.30
High St.			431.47	1338.05	736.10					2505.62
High School			100.00	2500.00	4396.00					6996.00
Hillcrest Rd.			965.30							965.30
Howard St.	1440.00		1110.00							2550.00
Interceptors			205.00					2732.00		2937.00
John St.		602.30	266.00			569.60		178.50		1616.40
King St.		853.87	175.00							1028.87
Kingston St.			719.30							719.30
Lewis St.			932.16							932.16
Lincoln St.				573.40	538.10					1111.50
Linden St.		187.20	304.40	735.30						1226.90
Longview Rd.		395.00								395.00
Lowell St.		101.16	813.10							914.26
Main St.			1246.10		955.50			234.90		2436.50
Maple St.			189.20							189.20
Middle St.			313.60							313.60
Middlesex Ave.		200.38	1423.40							1623.78
Mineral St.		627.25	438.40							1065.65
Minot St.			1409.65							1409.65
Morgan Park					312.49					312.49
Mt. Vernon St.			828.52	160.00						988.52
Nichols Rd.		433.34								433.34
Oak St.			1802.00							1802.00
Orange St.			1125.00		396.21					1521.21
Orchard Pk. Drive		444.00								444.00
Park Ave.			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker St.			427.00							427.00
Pearl St.		330.00	757.40		855.55					1942.95
Pennsylvania Ave. .			628.00							628.00
Perkins Ave.			400.00							400.00
Pierce St.			250.10							250.10
Pine Ave.			226.00							226.00
Pine Ridge Rd.			625.00							625.00
Pleasant St.			1496.80	843.96						2340.76
Pratt St.		186.00	776.30							962.30
Prescott St.			2529.26		1174.10					3703.36
Prospect St.		532.00	1260.00							1792.00
Salem St.			1082.10		132.50					1214.60
Sanborn St.			716.30							716.30
School St.			688.25							688.25
Scotland Rd.		500.00	901.73							1401.73
Sigsbee Ave.			320.51							320.51
Smith Ave.				475.00						475.00

Length of Main Sewers 1954 — Continued

Street	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Spring St.	393.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	393.50
Summer Ave.	404.19	3599.85	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4004.04
Sunnyside Ave.	434.60	....	264.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	698.60
Sweetser Ave. ....	....	334.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	334.30
Temple St.	896.76	....	432.89	661.39	....	....	....	....	....	1991.04
Thorndike St.	204.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	204.00
Union St. ....	....	303.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	303.60
Village St. ....	....	1015.60	....	....	....	487.80	....	....	....	1503.40
Virginia Rd.	125.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	125.00
Vista Ave.	300.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	300.00
Warren Ave. ....	....	715.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	715.00
Washington St. ....	....	1324.90	....	246.80	312.90	....	1574.30	....	....	3458.90
Wenda St.	300.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	300.00
West St.	1283.90	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1283.90
Wilson St. ....	....	....	471.40	333.10	....	....	....	....	....	804.50
Woburn St.	815.80	2999.25	917.40	....	....	....	....	....	....	4732.45
Wood End Lane ....	....	229.45	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	229.45
Totals	1361.30	18157.36	51307.04	9694.50	13532.64	2611.80	487.80	1809.20	3767.10	102728.74

LENGTH OF SEWER UNDERDRAINS AND SEWERS IN STREETS — 1954

Street	5"	Length of Underdrains		10"	Total	Total Length Sewers and Under- drains
		6"	8"			
Arlington St.	399.80
Ash St.	237.00	....	....	258.80	495.80	1817.50
Bancroft Ave.	1439.29
Berkeley St.	456.00	....	....	456.00	1712.10
Boyce St.	516.87
Brook St.	847.60	....	....	847.60	1695.20
Cape Cod Ave.	618.65
Center Ave.	620.60	....	....	....	620.60	1241.20
Chapin Ave.	529.00
Charles St.	920.00
Chute St.	593.13
Copeland Ave.	500.00
County Rd.	157.00
Crosby Rd.	309.30
Deering St.	107.00
Dudley St.	724.24
Eaton St.	1002.70	527.70	....	1530.40	3060.80
Echo Ave.	528.83	....	....	528.83	1075.06
Edwin St.	198.62
Elliott St.	489.00
Elm St.	383.28	....	....	....	383.28	766.56
Fairview Ave.	1084.30	....	....	1084.30	2168.60
Fremont St.	456.50	....	....	456.50	913.00
Gardner Rd.	475.00
Gilmore Ave.	181.80
Glen Rd.	602.00
Gould St.	469.09
Grand St.	767.35
Green St.	836.90	974.10	....	....	1811.00	4525.20
Hancock St.	1261.80
Harnden St.	559.30
Harrison St.	1387.50
Haven St.	588.20	....	....	588.20	2577.50
High St.	478.70	736.10	....	1214.80	3720.42
High School (Main)	6996.00
Hillcrest Rd.	450.40	....	....	450.40	1415.70
Howard St.	2550.00	....	....	2550.00	5100.00
Interceptors	2937.00	....	....	2937.00	5874.00
John St.	748.10	....	....	748.10	2464.50
King St.	175.00	....	....	175.00	1203.87
Kingston St.	609.30	110.00	....	....	719.30	1438.60
Lewis St.	932.16
Lincoln St.	1111.50	....	1111.50	2223.00
Linden St.	290.40	444.90	....	....	735.30	1962.20
Longview Rd.	395.00
Lowell St.	914.26

Length of Sewer Underdrains and Sewers in Streets 1954 — Continued

Street	Length of Underdrains				Total Length Sewers and Under- drains	
	5"	6"	8"	10"	Total	Under- drains
Main St. ....	.....	1246.10	955.90	234.90	2436.50	4873.00
Maple St.	189.20	.....	.....	.....	189.20	378.40
Middle St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.60
Middlesex Ave.	254.00	.....	.....	.....	254.00	1877.78
Mineral St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1065.65
Minot St.	972.65	437.00	.....	.....	1409.65	2819.30
Morgan Park ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312.49
Mt. Vernon St. ....	.....	230.30	.....	.....	230.30	1218.82
Nichols Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	433.34
Oak St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1802.00
Orange St. ....	.....	1521.21	.....	.....	1521.21	3042.42
Orchard Pk. Drive ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	444.00
Parker St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427.00
Park Ave.	507.30	.....	322.70	.....	830.00	1660.00
Pearl St. ....	.....	855.55	.....	.....	855.55	2798.50
Pennsylvania Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	628.00
Perkins Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00
Pierce St. ....	.....	155.20	.....	.....	155.20	405.30
Pine Ave.	226.00	.....	.....	.....	226.00	452.00
Pine Ridge Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	625.00
Pleasant St. ....	.....	374.00	469.80	.....	843.80	3184.56
Pratt St.	252.20	303.30	.....	.....	555.50	1517.80
Prescott St.	1070.60	2091.80	.....	.....	3162.40	6865.76
Prospect St.	886.00	.....	.....	.....	886.00	2678.00
Salem St.	543.00	77.20	132.50	.....	752.70	1957.30
Sanborn St.	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	916.30
School St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688.25
Scotland Rd. ....	.....	1401.73	.....	.....	1401.73	2803.46
Sigsbee Ave. ....	.....	320.51	.....	.....	320.51	641.02
Smith Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Spring St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	393.50
Summer Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4004.04
Sunnyside Ave.	432.60	222.00	.....	.....	654.60	1353.20
Sweetser Ave.	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00	509.30
Temple St. ....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	40.00	2031.04
Thorndike St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204.00	204.00
Union St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.60
Village St. ....	.....	825.00	.....	.....	825.00	2328.40
Virginia Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00
Vista Ave. ....	.....	288.00	.....	.....	288.00	588.00
Warren Ave.	715.00	.....	.....	.....	715.00	1430.00
Washington St. ....	.....	724.00	246.80	1663.20	2634.00	6092.90
Wenda St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
West St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1283.90
Wilson St. ....	.....	.....	804.50	.....	804.50	1609.00
Woburn St.	1196.00	.....	917.40	.....	2113.40	6845.85
Wood End Lane ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	229.45
Totals	10,597.03	24,966.23	6224.90	2156.90	43,945.06	146,673.80

**LENGTH OF SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS RUN EITHER TO CURB,
HOUSE OR CONNECTED**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Arlington St.			416.10	416.10
Ash St.			926.40	926.40
Bancroft Ave.			1265.90	1265.90
Berkeley St.			1404.60	1404.60
Boyce St.			352.70	352.70
Brook St.		85.50	654.30	740.30
Cape Cod Ave.			119.50	119.50
Center Ave.			425.00	425.00
Chapin Ave.			280.40	280.40
Charles St.			700.40	700.40
Chute St.			219.00	219.00
Copeland Ave.			506.00	506.00
County Rd.			174.00	174.00
Crosby Rd.			385.11	385.11
Deering St.			175.50	175.50
Dudley St.			674.90	674.90
Eaton St.			814.40	814.40
Echo Ave.			256.20	256.20
Edwin St.			265.00	265.00
Elliott St.			622.00	622.00
Elm St.			157.10	157.10
Fairview Ave.			736.10	736.10
Fremont St.			209.00	209.00
Fulton St.			44.00	44.00
Gardner Rd.			501.50	501.50
Gilmore Ave.			81.80	81.80
Glen Rd.			534.10	534.10
Gould St.			627.70	627.70
Grand St.			693.10	693.10
Green St.	36.00	173.00	2427.21	2427.21
Hancock St.			332.50	332.50
Harnden St.	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison St.			815.30	815.30
Haven St.	128.50	79.00	1972.90	2180.40
High St.	22.00		966.45	988.45
Hillcrest Rd.			631.80	631.80
Howard St.			2306.10	2306.10
Ide St.			56.50	56.50
John St.			1485.40	1485.40
King St.			812.10	812.10
Kingston St.			636.00	636.00
Lewis St.			511.70	511.70
Lincoln St.	44.00		370.00	414.00
Linden St.			752.60	752.60
Longview Rd.			159.00	159.00
Lowell St.			405.00	405.00

**Length of Sewer House Connections Run Either to Curb,
House or Connected — Continued**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Main St.	252.50	99.00	2547.75	2899.25
Maple St.			135.60	135.60
Middle St.			80.50	80.50
Middlesex Ave.		96.50	1366.20	1462.70
Mineral St.			308.10	308.10
Minot St.		77.00	879.20	956.20
Morgan Park			41.70	41.70
Mt. Vernon St.			1044.70	1044.70
Nichols Rd.			158.00	158.00
Oak St.			690.60	590.60
Orange St.			363.60	363.60
Orchard Park Drive ...			515.84	515.84
Park Ave.			324.60	324.60
Parker St.			302.50	302.50
Pearl St.			1176.10	1176.10
Perkins Ave.			434.80	434.80
Pierce St.			110.20	110.20
Pine Ave.			46.00	46.00
Pine Ridge Rd.			98.20	98.20
Pleasant St.			1854.80	1854.80
Pratt St.			766.50	766.50
Prescott St.	28.00	97.40	3386.10	3515.50
Prospect St.....			2096.00	2096.00
Salem St.	102.20		1478.80	1581.00
Sanborn St.		98.00	945.90	1043.90
School St.			523.00	523.00
Scotland Rd.			923.70	923.70
Smith Ave.			602.30	602.30
Spring St.			230.00	230.00
Summer Ave.		94.00	3100.70	3194.70
Sweetser Ave.	43.00		188.00	231.00
Sunnyside Ave.			64.00	64.00
Temple St.	154.20	173.00	1405.10	1732.30
Thorndike St.			61.20	61.20
Union St.		66.00	208.40	274.40
Village St.			1155.40	1155.40
Vista Ave.			191.10	191.10
Warren Ave.	19.40	68.00	633.60	726.00
Washington St.			2647.50	2647.50
Wenda St.			202.50	202.50
West St.			952.00	952.00
Wilson St.			612.30	612.30
Woburn St.	106.40	70.50	4594.00	4769.90
Wood End Lane			191.20	191.20
Totals	968.20	1276.90	68,763.46	71,008.56

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the plumbing inspector for the year ending December 31, 1954 is as follows:

Number of permits issued	256	
Number of fixtures installed	1,128	
Oil Burner Storage — Hot Water Heaters	2	
Gas Storage — Hot Water Heaters	19	
Electric Storage — Hot Water Heaters	36	
Hot Water Tanks	10	
Tankless Heaters	76	
Water Closets	219	
Lavatories	212	
Bath Tubs	143	
Showers	19	
Urinals	2	
Sinks	154	
Laundry Trays	47	
Disposals	5	
Dish Washing Machines	7	
Washing Machines	26	
Traps	2	
Air Condition Unit	1	
Ejector	1	
Bubblers	2	
Sewer Connections	50	
Cesspools	95	
Fees for Permits	\$700.50	

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1954.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:

134 New one family dwellings at an estimated cost of	\$1,260,700.00
60 Alterations and additions to dwellings at a cost of	68,840.00
5 Alterations and additions to business properties at an estimated cost of	4,200.00
37 New private garages at an estimated cost of	27,900.00
6 Signs	2,335.00
6 Business buildings	167,100.00
2 Shelters	735.00
1 Summer House	700.00
10 Raze Buildings	500.00
1 Move Building	4,000.00
1 Pumping Station	50,000.00

Total estimated cost of all new and remodeled buildings for the past year	\$1,587,010.00
Total Number of Permits	263

Fees were received in the amount of \$894.50. These have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading

I submit my report as Tree Warden for the year 1954.

One hundred and seventy-eight trees were planted this spring. Eight Lindens, eleven Norway Maples and one hundred and fifty-nine Sugar Maples.

It was necessary to remove twenty-two trees from the roadside, these trees were either dead or in an unsafe condition. Twenty-two Elms infected with the Dutch Elm Disease were also removed from the roadside by the Moth Department. This work was done before the Hurricanes.

The Hurricanes of August thirty-first and September eleventh blew down fifty-six street trees, several trees from private property were also blown into the streets. Ten extra trucks worked 667 hours, sixty-seven men and High School boys worked a total of 2,597 hours clearing up this debris. Twenty-two trees were removed from houses. An additional fifty-eight badly damaged trees have been cut down. There are still many unsafe trees that need attention. The Board of Public Works Department is removing the stumps of these trees with their gas shovel, this not only speeds up our tree removals but saves the Town considerable money.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, all the Town Departments and the many private Citizens who assisted me in the past year especially during and after the Hurricanes. To the men of this Department I wish to express my appreciation for their work during the past year.

Respectfully yours,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Tree Warden

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 4, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955.

Eighty-one dogs were quarantined for biting or scratching people as against 69 a year ago. None remain in quarantine as of this moment other than those restrained for 1955.

The annual inspection of all barns and livestock in the town was completed by request of the Division of Livestock Disease Control, disclosing there to be in the town, 50 neat cattle, a drop of 33% which appears to be the general trend in various parts of the state, 78 swine, an increase of 60%, 26 horses, slight increase, 95 sheep, slight increase and 11 goats, the latter remaining the same as last year. No Contagious infectious Diseases were noted during the inspection.

Very truly yours,

GARDINER A. LESTER, DVM

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1954.

The yearly check for Gypsy Moth egg clusters showed no heavy infestation in any part of the town.

Due to the extremely wet and windy weather last spring we were unable to apply the dormant spray to the Elm trees with the Helicopter. This spray is to help control the Dutch Elm Disease. One hundred and forty-seven Elms were checked for this disease. Cuttings from ninety of these trees were sent to the University of Massachusetts, Shade Tree Laboratory at Amherst to be cultured. Seventy-six trees were certified as having the disease. One of these trees was on the State Highway, three in Memorial Park, twenty-two on the roadside and fifty on private property. These trees have been removed and burned.

There was a substantial increase in the spraying on private property.

The Japanese Beetle are increasing and are gradually spreading through the whole town. These beetles are very difficult to control, a strong solution of D.D.T. will kill them but it is only effective for a few days. Experimental work for the control of this pest has resulted in the development of what is known as Milky Disease. This disease attacks Japanese Beetle grubs. It does not cause disease in any higher form of life, including domestic animals, pets, birds and man. The University of Massachusetts, United States Department of Agriculture and County services are cooperating in an effort to interest Garden Clubs and other groups in the distribution of these Milky Disease spores.

Respectfully yours,

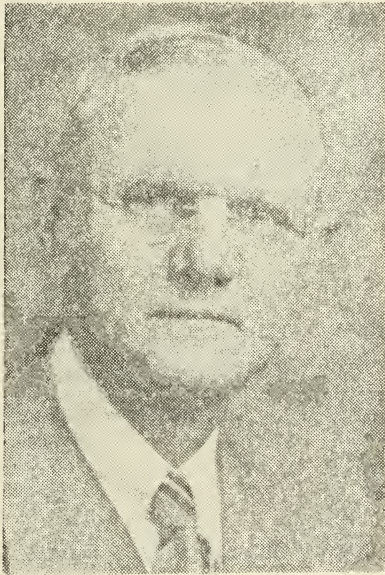
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Moth Superintendent

IN MEMORIAM

MR. LEON G. BENT

ASSESSOR



The Reading Board of Assessors feel deeply the loss of one of its members, Mr. Leon G. Bent.

Mr. Bent served the Town from 1921 as Accountant, Clerk of the Selectmen, Clerk of the Finance Committee, Secretary of the Contributory Retirement Board and Assessor, which office he held at the time of his passing, June 26, 1954.

He was a faithful and willing worker and a friend to all who knew him. We mark his passing with regret.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1954

Valuation

Real Estate		
Land, exclusive of buildings	\$ 4,424,075.00	
Buildings, exclusive of land	23,657,055.00	
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Total Value of Real Estate		\$28,081,130.00
Personal Property		
Stock in Trade	161,928.00	
Machinery	115,439.00	
Live Stock	17,582.00	
All Other	1,020,677.00	
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Total Value of Personal Property		1,315,626.00
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Total Value of All Property		29,396,756.00
Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes	2,379,569.86	
Amount to be paid for State & County		
Taxes	99,295.70	
Amount of Overlay	53,213.48	
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		2,532,079.04
Less Estimated Receipts	\$ 718,653.59	
Excise Tax	125,000.00	
Over Estimate 1953	1,864.89	
Available Funds	177,380.96	1,022,899.44
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Net Amount to be raised on		
Polls and Property	1,509,179.60	
	Tax Rate for 1954 — \$51.00	
	Actual Commitments for 1954	
Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,432,149.13	
Personal Tax	67,098.47	
Polls	9,934.00*	
Excise	143,992.37	
Moth	705.00	
Sidewalk and Curbing	1,767.62	
House Connections	2,190.51	
Sewer Frontage	3,627.69	
Highway	13,110.67	
Water Liens	824.47	
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		\$ 1,680,393.96

*Includes additional commitment since Tax Rate date

Poll — \$2.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

RALPH T. HORN

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Taxes and Assessments 1952

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	13,129.60	
Refunds		339.25	
Interest and Costs Collected		788.84	
Paid Treasurer	\$	13,520.45	
Abatements		349.46	
Tax Takings		387.78	
Uncollected, December 31, 1954 .....		.00	
	\$	14,257.69	\$ 14,257.69

Taxes and Assessments 1953

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	53,829.73	
Committed 1954		21,780.86	
Refunds		1,778.11	
Interest and Costs Collected		1,052.66	
Paid Treasurer	\$	67,046.26	
Abatements		4,017.17	
Tax Takings		421.50	
Uncollected December 31, 1954		6,956.43	
	\$	78,441.36	\$ 78,441.36

Taxes and Assessments 1954

General Tax Warrant	\$1,680,399.96	
Refunds	10,860.51	
Interest and Costs Collected	547.48	
Paid Treasurer	\$1,587,841.93	
Abatements	41,521.83	
Tax Takings	910.96	
Uncollected December 31, 1954	61,533.23	
	\$1,691,807.95	\$1,691,807.95

Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	1,844.98	
Committed 1954		19,473.30	
Refunds		23.81	
Interest and Costs Collected		149.32	
Paid Treasurer	\$	19,441.16	
Abatements		36.13	
Uncollected December 31, 1954		2,014.12	
	\$	21,491.41	\$ 21,491.41

Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	41,521.60	
Committed 1954		7,269.20	
Interest Collected		9.46	
Paid Treasurer	\$	1,273.52	

Abatements	52.50
Betterment Apportioned	40,205.04
Uncollected December 31, 1954	7,269.20

	\$ 48,800.26	\$ 48,800.26
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Advance Payment Apportioned Highway	3,597.18
Interest Collected	6.78
Paid Treasurer	\$ 3,603.96

	\$ 52,404.22	\$ 52,404.22
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Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 2,641.66
Committed 1954	3,158.74
Interest Collected .....	.74
Paid Treasurer	\$ 710.45
Betterment Apportioned	1,998.21
Uncollected December 31, 1954	3,092.48

	\$ 5,801.14	\$ 5,801.14
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Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk	\$ 146.10
Interest Collected66
Paid Treasurer	\$ 146.76

	\$ 5,947.90	\$ 5,947.90
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Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 5,329.83
Committed 1954	4,840.73
Interest Collected	1.12
Paid Treasurer	\$ 692.74
Betterment Apportioned	4,638.21
Uncollected December 31, 1954	4,840.73

	\$ 10,171.68	\$ 10,171.68
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Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer	\$ 1,312.06
Interest Collected	3.08
Paid Treasurer	\$ 1,315.14

	\$ 11,486.82	\$ 11,486.82
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Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 3,406.79
Committed 1954	4,155.94
Paid Treasurer	\$ 571.96
Abatement	78.13
Betterment Apportioned	2,834.83
Uncollected December 31, 1954	4,077.81

	\$ 7,562.73	\$ 7,562.73
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Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer H. C.	\$	578.98	
Interest Collected73	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 579.71
	\$	8,142.44	\$ 8,142.44

Estate of Deceased Persons

Committed 1954	\$	192.00	
Interest Collected		5.38	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 105.38
Abatement			92.00
	\$	197.38	\$ 197.38

Moth Department

Committed 1954	\$	2,455.46	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 1,748.46
Abatement			2.00
Added to 1954 Real Estate Taxes			705.00
	\$	2,455.46	\$ 2,455.46

Certificates

Certificates of Municipal Liens	\$	735.06	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 735.06
	\$	735.06	\$ 735.06

Departmental Accounts

Departmental Tree Work	\$	273.06	
Tuition		34,445.58	
Sewer House Connection Acct.		246.45	
Public Welfare		11,104.55	
Old Age Assistance		93,340.36	
Snow Plowing		87.50	
Main Pipe Extension		12,967.50	
Miscellaneous Repairs		169.05	
Veterans Service		4,620.86	
Aid to Dependent Children		8,712.97	
Public Health		639.00	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 166,656.88
	\$	166,656.88	\$ 166,656.88

Water Rates and Miscellaneous

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	19,966.11	
Committed 1954		131,241.21	
Refunds		306.05	
Paid Treasurer			\$ 132,313.88
Abatements			354.89
Water Liens Added to Taxes			824.47
Uncollected December 31, 1954			18,020.13
	\$	151,513.37	\$ 151,513.37

Recapitulation of Receipts

Taxes and Assessments	\$1,668,408.64	
Sewer Rentals	19,441.16	
Betterments	8,894.24	
Departmental Accounts	168,405.34	
Water Rates and Miscellaneous	132,313.88	
Estate of Deceased Persons	105.38	
Certificates of Municipal Liens	735.06	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts		\$1,998,303.70
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	\$1,998,303.70	\$1,998,303.70

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,

Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ended December 31, 1954

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1954	\$1,279,573.48
Receipts	5,469,273.77
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	\$6,748,847.25
Disbursements	5,815,652.92
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Balance December 31, 1954	\$ 933,194.33

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1954	\$3,341,000.00
Bonds and notes issued in 1954	None \$3,341,000.00
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Bonds and notes paid in 1954	\$ 228,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1954	3,113,000.00 \$3,341,000.00
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During 1954 there were no temporary loans in anticipation of revenue.

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements, and a condensed version of my annual report of the trust funds of the Town, are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts and Expenditures
for the year ended
December 31, 1954

TOWN OF READING, MASS.
BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash:			
General			\$ 14,401.79
Petty Cash Advances:			1,783.20
Library	\$ 15.00		
Light	300.00		
Schools	343.00		
Selectmen	50.00		
Water	100.00		
Welfare	50.00	858.00	

LIABILITIES

Payroll Deductions:			
Withholding			\$ 14,401.79
Blue Cross			1,783.20
Tailings			445.08
Dog Licenses due County			87.00
Sporting License due State			50.00
Overestimates:			
State Parks and Reservations		12.91	
Metropolitan Sewerage		577.38	
County Tax		1,801.73	
County T.B. Hospital		42.86	2,434.88
Road Machinery Fund	6,634.87		23,448.30
Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves Fund			11,385.02
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances ...			858.00
Trust Fund Income:			
Parker Hospital Fund		2,768.66	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund ...	42,374.41	59.10	2,827.76
Guarantee Deposits:			
Sewer House Connections		78.75	
Light Customers Deposits	18,596.99	11,050.00	11,128.75

Special Assessment:				Salvage Committee Fund	6,770.94
Moth 1953	2.00			Appropriation Balances Forward	181,369.91
Moth 1954	27.00	29.00		Overlay Surplus Reserve	87,412.29
				Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
				Levy of 1953	6,634.87
				Levy of 1954	21,574.26
Sewer Unapportioned	4,840.73				
Sewer 1953	45.19				
Sewer 1954	93.49				28,209.13
Sewer Interest 1953	9.71				
Sewer Interest 1954	24.27				
		5,013.39		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Sewer House Conn. Unappor.	4,077.81			Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	18,596.99
Sewer House Conn. 1953	12.88			Special Assessments	22,013.08
Sewer House Conn. 1954	75.80			Departmental	9,482.93
Sewer House Conn. Interest 1953	4.12			Tax Titles	1,802.39
Sewer House Conn. Interest 1954	21.07			Tax Possessions	3,236.89
		4,191.68		State and County Aid to Highways,	
				Chapter 90	7,023.77
Sidewalk Unapportioned	3,092.48			Water Rates and Liens	18,184.78
Sidewalk 1954	38.65			Light Rates, etc.	129,007.96
Sidewalk Interest	8.96				
		3,140.09			
Highway Unapportioned	7,269.20			Water Available Surplus	37,724.85
Highway 1953	86.61			Sale of Real Estate Account	2,941.28
Highway 1954	189.48			Surplus Revenue	426,470.73
Highway Interest 1953	24.62				
Highway Interest 1954	54.89				
		7,624.80			
Sewer Rentals		2,014.12			
Departmental:					
Public Welfare	858.32				
A.D.C. From State	2,824.62				
O.A.A. — Other	2,406.36				

ASSETS

Public Works	203.16	
Tree and Moth	2,834.28	
Veterans' Aid From State	356.19	9,482.93
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Tax Titles		1,802.39
Tax Possessions		3,236.89
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Aid to Highways, Chapter 90:		
State	4,349.17	
County	2,674.60	7,023.77
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Water:		
Rates, etc.	18,020.13	
Liens added to taxes 1953	35.60	
Liens added to taxes 1954	129.05	18,184.78
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Light:		
Rates, etc.	129,007.96	
Customers Deposits	11,050.00	140,057.96
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Overlay Deficits:		
1950	32.25	
1951	50.63	82.88
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Hurricane Relief Deficit:		
Light Department	91,430.11	
Other Departments	38,454.85	129,884.96
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LIABILITIES

\$1,049,097.70

\$1,049,097.70

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Cash
 Portion of Loans Invested:
 Sewer Loan
 Loans Authorized:
 Light Constr. Sub-Station, 1952

\$284,330.54
 24,936.25
 50,000.00
 \$359,266.79

\$ 43,154.55
 210,221.88
 178.17
 37,874.67
 276.58
 17,560.94
 50,000.00
 \$359,266.79

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due ..
 Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. not due
 Appor. Sidewalk Assts. not due
 Appor. Highway Assts. not due

\$ 14,605.12
 8,386.03
 6,478.04
 65,261.25
 \$ 94,730.44

\$ 14,605.12
 8,386.03
 6,478.04
 65,261.25
 \$ 94,730.44

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
 Inside Debt Limit
 Outside Debt Limit

\$ 776,000.00
 2,337,000.00

Inside Debt Limit:

Sewer 1948 \$ 16,000.00
 Sewer 1953 180,000.00
 School — Eaton 1948 350,000.00
 School — New High School ... 1952 180,000.00
 Library 1949 50,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

School — Pearl St. 1938 20,000.00
 School — New High School .. 1952 1,800,000.00
 Light 1939 6,000.00
 Light 1949 55,000.00
 Light 1951 126,000.00

\$776,000.00

Light	1953	135,000.00
Water	1948	4,000.00
Water	1948	8,000.00
Water	1949	10,000.00
Water	1950	43,000.00
Water	1952	130,000.00
		<hr/> 2,337,000.00
		<hr/> \$3,113,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities		
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		\$3,113,000.00
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Parker Hospital Fund		\$229,761.98
Grouard Hospital Fund		92,334.60
Grant Swimming Pool Fund		36,633.57
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund		5,348.78
Public Library Fund		1,072.92
Wadlin Library Fund		1,828.96
Tuttle Library Fund		588.40
Appleton Library Fund		5,333.16
Torrey Library Fund		1,064.96
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		675.36
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		154,341.52
Stabilization Fund		87,707.81
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		\$616,692.02

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash		
Investments		
Accrued Interest		
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		\$201,120.11
		37,887.40
		3,814.65
		59,366.34
		330.28
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		\$303,018.78

BOYD H. STEWART,
Town Accountant

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT

Due	SEWER		SCHOOLS		LIBRARY		LIGHT		WATER		TOTAL	
	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.
1955	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 4,530.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 51,900.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 6,264.75	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 228,000.00	\$ 66,519.75
1956	24,000.00	3,990.00	140,000.00	48,837.50	10,000.00	500.00	29,000.00	5,659.25	23,000.00	2,817.50	226,000.00	61,804.25
1957	24,000.00	3,450.00	140,000.00	45,775.00	10,000.00	375.00	29,000.00	5,068.75	22,000.00	2,447.50	225,000.00	57,116.25
1958	24,000.00	2,910.00	140,000.00	42,712.50	10,000.00	250.00	29,000.00	4,478.25	22,000.00	2,095.00	225,000.00	52,445.75
1959	20,000.00	2,400.00	135,000.00	39,650.00	10,000.00	125.00	29,000.00	3,887.75	17,000.00	1,750.00	211,000.00	47,812.75
1960	20,000.00	1,920.00	135,000.00	36,675.00			28,000.00	3,297.25	17,000.00	1,487.50	200,000.00	43,379.75
1961	20,000.00	1,440.00	135,000.00	33,700.00			28,000.00	2,721.75	10,000.00	1,225.00	193,000.00	39,086.75
1962	20,000.00	960.00	135,000.00	30,725.00			27,000.00	2,146.25	10,000.00	1,050.00	192,000.00	34,881.25
1963	20,000.00	480.00	135,000.00	27,750.00			27,000.00	1,586.75	5,000.00	875.00	187,000.00	30,691.75
1964			135,000.00	24,775.00			12,000.00	1,027.25	5,000.00	787.50	152,000.00	26,589.75
1965			135,000.00	21,800.00			12,000.00	827.75	5,000.00	700.00	152,000.00	23,327.75
1966			135,000.00	18,825.00			7,000.00	672.00	5,000.00	612.50	147,000.00	20,109.50
1967			135,000.00	15,850.00			7,000.00	560.00	5,000.00	525.00	147,000.00	16,935.00
1968			135,000.00	12,875.00			7,000.00	448.00	5,000.00	437.50	147,000.00	13,760.50
1969			110,000.00	9,900.00			7,000.00	316.00	5,000.00	350.00	122,000.00	10,566.00
1970			110,000.00	7,425.00			7,000.00	204.00	5,000.00	262.50	122,000.00	7,891.50
1971			110,000.00	4,950.00			7,000.00	92.00	5,000.00	175.00	122,000.00	5,217.00
1972			110,000.00	2,475.00					5,000.00	87.50	115,000.00	2,562.50
Total	\$196,000.00	\$22,080.00	\$2,350,000.00	\$476,600.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,875.00	\$322,000.00	\$39,257.75	\$195,000.00	\$20,885.00	\$3,113,000.00	\$560,697.75

RECEIPTS FOR 1954

General Revenue

Taxes

Current Year:

Poll	\$	8,272.00	
Personal		62,851.98	
Real Estate		1,363,261.66	\$1,434,385.64

Previous Years:

Poll	\$	24.00	
Personal		2,358.95	
Real Estate		50,932.76	\$ 53,315.71

Tax Title Redemptions		\$	1,189.71
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From the State:

Corporation Tax	\$	80,604.61	
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Income Tax

Valuation	\$	73,968.71	
Education		66,500.00	\$ 221,073.32

Estate of Deceased Persons		\$	100.00
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Licenses

Board of Selectmen:

Amusement	\$	165.00	
Auctioneer		12.00	
Fire Arms		30.00	
Inn Holder		1.00	
Junk		20.00	
Lord's Day		110.00	
Peddler		2.00	
Second-hand Articles		4.00	
Second-hand Auto		40.00	
Taxicab		20.00	
Theater		5.00	
Trucking		22.00	
Victualer		75.00	\$ 506.00

Board of Health:

Cesspool Pumping		2.00	
Frozen Desserts		10.00	
Kindergarten		9.00	
Offensive Trades		42.00	
Undertaker		7.00	\$ 70.00

From the State:			
Peddlers		\$	60.00
Permits			
Building	\$	894.50	
Marriage		252.00	
Plumbing		700.50	
Revolver		96.50	\$ 1,943.50
Fines, Court		\$	615.00
Grants and Gifts			
From the Federal Government:			
Old Age Assistance	\$	86,984.79	
Aid to Dependent Children		12,349.85	
Disability Assistance		5,900.65	
School Lunches		15,911.84	\$ 121,147.13
From the State:			
School Construction Aid	\$	103,205.42	
Meals Tax		5,910.60	
Paraplegics		1,031.48	\$ 110,147.50
From the County:			
Dog Licenses		\$	2,393.03
Special Assessments			
Moth and Tree	\$	716.00	
Sewer		4,986.81	
Sewer House Connections		3,183.81	
Sidewalk		2,335.06	
Highway		14,878.60	\$ 26,100.28
Privileges			
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		\$	143,009.98
Departmental — General Government			
Selectmen:			
Advertising Hearings	\$	30.50	
Sale of Books:			
Street Lists		407.75	
Valuation Lists		1.40	
Zoning Laws		13.75	
Treasurer		51.77	
Collector		1,288.39	
Town Clerk:			
Mortgages		1,148.52	
Pole Locations		49.00	
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates		205.25	
Dog License Fees		291.80	
Sporting License Fees		134.75	

Other Certificates and Permits	126.85	
Board of Appeal Hearings	110.00 \$	3,859.73
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Protection of Persons and Property		
Police Department:		
Ambulance Fees	\$ 1,345.00	
Bicycle Registrations	126.50	
Fire Department		
Sale of Junk	\$ 123.90	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	98.90	
Moth and Tree	2,021.52 \$	3,715.82
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Health and Sanitation		
Tuberculosis, State Subsidy	\$ 1,041.50	
Tuberculosis, Other Towns	84.00	
Dental Clinic	513.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food	22.50	
Dog Clinic	372.00	
Sewer Rentals	19,268.03	
Sale of Books75 \$	21,301.78
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Highways		
State and County Joint Constr. Chapt. 90	\$ 9,976.23	
Snow and Ice Removal, State Reimbursement	87.50	
Road Machinery, Departmental Charges	25,503.33	
Other Work	66.25 \$	35,633.31
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Charities		
Reimbursement for Relief:		
From Cities and Towns	\$ 1,118.69	
From the State	5,468.13	
Reimbursement for A.D.C.: From the State	8,712.97	
Reimbursement for O.A.A.:		
From Cities and Towns	4,881.03	
From the State	88,594.56	
Reimb. for Disability Assistance:		
From the State	4,007.02 \$	112,782.40
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Veterans' Services		
Reimbursement from the State:		
Relief	\$ 4,470.86	
Burials	150.00 \$	4,620.86
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Schools		
Vocational Tuition, State and City Wards	\$ 4,827.70	
Tuition, Other	29,617.83	

Sale of Textbooks and Supplies	938.07	
Teachers' Retirement Reimbursement	290.69	
Cafeterias	62,568.91	
Athletics	4,700.15	\$ 102,943.40
Library, Fines		\$ 1,333.33
Unclassified		
Sale of Real Estate	\$ 2,500.00	
From Light Dept. in Lieu of Taxes	70,033.36	
Liquidated Damages	1,500.00	
Exchange on Canadian Check .....	.99	
Reimbursement on Insurance:		
Sewer	1,468.14	
School	440.33	
Light	6,804.88	
Water	3,035.09	
Land Court Reimbursement	35.00	\$ 85,817.79
Public Service Enterprises		
Light Department:		
Sale of Light and Power	\$1,110,093.76	
Mdse. and Jobbing	75,887.27	
Miscellaneous (Refunds)	3,012.43	\$1,188,993.46
Water Department		
Sale of Water	109,539.39	
Services, Repairs, etc.	22,468.44	
Liens added to Taxes	1,053.92	
Main Pipe Extension	12,967.50	
Repairs to Damaged Hydrant	102.80	
Sale of Junk	5.00	\$ 146,137.05
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 2,586.00	
Care of Lots and Graves	6,662.37	
Care of Endowed Lots (Int. on Funds)	3,196.46	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	83.85	\$ 12,528.63
Interest		
On Sewer Rentals	39.07	
On Deferred Taxes	1,874.76	
On Special Assessments	4,370.66	
On Investment Funds	177.04	
On Public Trust Funds:		
Parker Hospital Fund	4,035.75	
Grouard Hospital Fund	2,130.10	
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund	146.25	

Torrey Library Fund	32.50	
Cemetery, Perpetual Care Fund	2,492.90	
On Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	69.52	
On Tax Title Redemptions	81.93	
On Estate of Deceased Persons	5.38	
On Invested Loans	4,261.85	\$ 19,717.71

Agency, Trust and Investment

Dog Licenses For County	3,157.20	
Sporting Licenses for State	1,644.50	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	5,055.00	
Withholding Taxes	143,309.63	
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	18,667.72	
Tailings	64.25	
Guarantee Deposits	188.75	
Investment Funds Transactions	\$1,420,939.43	\$1,593,026.48

Refunds

Departmental	7,441.25	
Taxes, Assts., Pub. Services, Ent., etc.	13,363.92	\$ 20,805.17
TOTAL		\$5,469,273.77

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES

1954

General Government

Selectmen

Personal Services

Clerical	\$	1,235.70
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Expense

Reimbursement for Expenses	\$	257.00
Telephone		183.62
Printing, Stationery and Forms		75.00
Association Dues		66.00
Advertising Warrants, Hearings, etc.		22.05
Annotated Laws		48.00
Towels		13.65
Postage		80.52
Binding		29.50
Supplies		298.60
Police Pistol Trophies		32.34
Miscellaneous	20.00	\$ 1,126.28

Accountant

Personal Services

Accountant	\$	4,875.00
Clerical	651.68	\$ 5,526.63

Expense			
Postage and Stationery	\$	25.27	
Supplies and Equipment		299.15	
Association Dues		34.00	
Machine Service and Maintenance		111.04	
Travel Expense		128.00	\$ 597.46

Treasurer

Personal Services			
Treasurer	\$	2,500.00	
Clerical		1,037.58	\$ 3,537.58

Expense			
Postage	\$	195.20	
Stationery and Supplies		233.90	
Telephone		114.51	
Stencils and Filing Checks		159.81	
Machines Maintenance		52.63	
Towels		9.10	
Miscellaneous		4.75	\$ 769.90

Collector

Personal Services			
Collector	\$	4,390.00	
Clerical		5,916.30	\$ 10,306.30

Expense			
Books and Printing	\$	845.70	
Telephone		91.15	
Supplies and Equipment		394.40	
Postage		692.93	
Other		64.13	\$ 2,088.31

Assessors

Personal Services			
Assessors (3)	\$	3,436.50	
Clerical		5,787.30	\$ 9,223.80

Expense			
Meetings	\$	110.06	
Auto Hire		52.75	
Telephone		133.57	
Supplies and Equipment		506.38	
Maps		916.50	
Printing and Forms		422.62	
Postage		95.06	
Registry of Deeds		242.64	
Other		87.40	\$ 2,566.98

Town Counsel

Personal Services

Town Counsel	\$	2,500.00
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Expense

Stenographic Services	\$	1,012.15	
Court Costs and Witness Fees		13.00	
Telephone, Carfares, etc.		238.80	
Stationery and Supplies		149.50	
Decisions and Annotated Laws		33.00	
Examination of Titles and Records		20.00	
Other		33.55	\$ 1,500.00

Town Clerk

Personal Services

Town Clerk	\$	1,672.50	
Clerical		2,956.50	4,629.00

Expense

Printing, Stationery and Supplies	\$	215.32	
Postage		44.67	
Telephone		138.18	
Association Dues		17.50	
Advertising and Notices		96.00	
Meetings		126.25	
Machine Service		32.90	
Binding		27.50	\$ 693.32

Registration

Personal Services

Registrars	\$	300.00	
Assistant Registrars		1,852.37	
Clerk to Registrars		200.00	
Clerical		103.20	\$ 2,455.57

Expense

Printing and Supplies	\$	35.18	
Typewriter Service		9.25	\$ 44.43

Election

Election Officers	\$	1,686.13	
Hall Rent		225.00	
Installing Booths and Wiring		375.15	
Lunches		167.41	
Printing Voters Lists, Ballots and Counters		827.50	
Finance Committee Reports		238.50	
Advertising and Posting Warrants		396.75	
Supplies		5.89	

Town Meeting Officers	55.38	
Registration	25.63	
Other	3.00 \$	4,006.34
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Board of Appeals		
Clerical	\$ 182.73	
Supplies	1.80	
Advertising Hearings	149.10 \$	333.63
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Planning Board		
Dues	\$ 20.00	
Clerical	15.75	
Maps	95.50	
Advertising Hearings	49.13	
Slides	18.00 \$	198.38
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Capital Expenditure Planning Committee		
Printing Report	\$	197.75
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Finance Committee		
Association Meetings and Dues	\$ 37.15	
Postage	23.95	
Printing	5.00 \$	66.10
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Personnel Board		
Postage	\$ 18.63	
Meeting Expense	2.00 \$	20.63
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Municipal Building Maintenance		
Janitor	\$ 3,168.80	
Fuel	698.01	
Gas and Light	566.96	
Water and Sewer	66.78	
Rubbish Removal	75.50	
Supplies	620.03	
Summer Janitor	40.00	
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds	780.21	
Inside Painting	1,070.00	
New Outside Doors	230.00 \$	7,316.29
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Total General Government	\$	60,995.48
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Protection of Persons and Property		
Police Department		
Personal Services		
Chief	\$ 4,749.68	
Sergeants	11,797.68	
Patrolmen	70,628.13	
Special Work	340.50	
Clerk	2,147.60 \$	89,663.59
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Department Maintenance

Traffic Officers' Uniforms	\$	175.25	
Chief's Expense		233.73	
Gasoline Expense		2,415.76	
Radio Repairs		420.13	
Station Signals		30.72	
Gamewell System		53.75	
Bicycle Expense		30.00	
Gun Permits		28.00	
Traffic Lights		853.36	
Traffic Lanes		1,835.85	
Auto Repairs		782.46	
Auto Tires		447.18	
Printing and Stationery		612.25	
Telephone Expense		770.72	
Washing Cars		159.52	
Police Reserves		315.20	
Coats and Caps		303.59	
Police School		300.00	
Chains and Alcohol		51.15	
Oil and Grease		64.26	
New Batteries		55.23	
New Revolvers		—	
Target Practice		212.45	
All Others		461.66	\$ 10,612.22

Station Maintenance Expense

Water and Sewer	\$	40.30	
Electricity		308.14	
Fuel		503.91	
Repairs		504.18	
Janitor's Supplies		110.48	
Janitor's Salary		1,074.86	
Laundry		95.30	\$ 2,637.17

Pensions	\$	9,888.36	
New Uniforms		1,110.45	
Three New Cruising Cars		3,350.00	

Fire Department

Personal Services

Chief	\$	4,750.00	
Deputy Chief		4,100.00	
Captain		3,925.00	
Lieutenants		7,650.00	
Privates		53,486.80	
Call Men		5,181.25	\$ 79,093.05

Department Maintenance Expense

Chief's Expenses	\$	65.00	
Telephone		387.55	
Laundry		474.07	
Bedding, etc.		27.41	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance		2,218.20	
Gasoline and Oil		720.15	
Repairs, other equipment		166.53	
New Hose		3,125.55	
New Appliances		443.15	
Equipment and Supplies		711.65	
Equipment for Men		201.58	
Forest Fires		160.16	
Office Expenses		244.64	
Salary of Dispatcher		295.84	
All Others		650.72	\$ 9,892.20

Station Maintenance Expense

Central Station

Gas	\$	91.92	
Fuel		643.42	
Building Repairs		314.99	
Lighting		167.37	
Water and Sewer		120.92	
Supplies		447.22	
Furnishings		96.39	\$ 1,882.23

Station No. 2, Woburn Street

Gas	\$	14.42	
Fuel		325.77	
Building Repairs		284.78	
Lighting		50.30	
Water and Sewer		14.00	
Supplies		128.50	
Salary of Steward		300.00	\$ 1,117.77

Pensions	\$	1,375.00
New Uniforms		406.35
New Two-Way Radio		514.40

Fire Alarm Maintenance

Salary of Superintendent	\$	350.00	
Pay Rolls		1,585.28	
Truck Maintenance		222.72	
Power for Fire Alarm and Police System ...		50.78	
Material, Supplies, and Equipment		950.48	
Radio Maintenance		66.84	
Battery Room		56.17	
All Others		181.40	\$ 3,463.67

Fire Alarm Extension			
Pay Rolls	\$	779.48	
Materials, Supplies and Equipment		801.68 \$	1,581.16
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Hydrant Rental	\$	6,150.00	
Drinking Fountains			100.00
Moth and Tree Department			
Personal Services			
Tree Warden	\$	420.00	
Superintendent		4,134.00	
Laborers and Climbers		11,230.02 \$	15,784.02
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Expense			
Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer	\$	122.44	
Printing and Advertising		13.50	
Postage		45.59	
Telephones		228.55	
Clerical		85.00	
Supplies		276.85	
Truck and Sprayer Expense		3,187.25	
Trees		350.00	
Lead		967.68	
Insecticides		369.65	
Loam		200.00	
Car Expense		251.00	
Other		38.33 \$	6,135.84
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Town Forest	\$	265.83	
Dutch Elm Control			1,824.24
Mosquito Control			599.20
Inspector of Buildings			
Salary	\$	3,750.00	
Expense			
Car	\$	300.00	
Telephone		91.78	
Dues and Subscriptions		7.00	
Printing and Supplies		52.32 \$	451.10
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Inspector of Wires			
Salary	\$	700.00	
Expense			
Car	\$	168.56	
Supplies and Equipment		22.25	
Postage		6.00 \$	196.81
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Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Salary	\$	650.00
Expense		
Car	\$	180.00
Supplies	62.03 \$	242.03
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Game Warden's Salary	\$	105.00
Dog Officer		
Salary	\$	375.00
Expense		
Car	\$	59.22
Telephone	160.55	
Light	9.00	
Fuel	60.59	
Supplies	38.94	
Other	28.49 \$	356.79
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Traffic Control — Schools	\$	2,493.44
Civil Defense		314.22
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Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$	257,081.14

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health		
Personal Services		
Two Doctors at \$125.00	\$	250.00
Clerk	1,196.00	
Health Agent	600.00	
Plumbing Inspector	1,330.00 \$	3,376.00
Expense		
Telephone	\$	150.80
Supplies	58.46	
Printing	305.50	
Disposal of Animals	143.50	
Car	200.00	
Clerical, extra	56.25	
Machine Service and Maintenance	49.00	
Other	34.37 \$	997.88
Inspector of Animals	\$	400.00
Inspector of Milk and Food		
Salary	\$	350.00
Expense	50.00 \$	400.00
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Care of Contagious Diseases	\$	3,126.02
Garbage Collection		11,132.16

Dental Clinic

Personal Services

Dentists	\$	1,740.00	
Nurse		864.00	\$ 2,604.00

Expense

Dental Supplies	\$	236.22	
Printing		9.00	\$ 245.22

Child Welfare

Doctor	\$	300.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn.		300.00	\$ 600.00

Premature Babies		\$	784.00
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$	23,665.28
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Public Works

Administrative

Pay Roll	\$	8,553.49	
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Expense

Telephone		477.87	
Supplies		1,122.13	\$ 10,153.49

Engineering Division

Pay Roll	\$	22,021.08	
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Expense

Supplies		1,619.11	
Advertising		60.54	
Auto Mileage		120.00	\$ 23,820.73

Highway Department

Pay Roll	\$	53,195.57	
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Expense

Machinery Rental		4,553.90	
Lights		176.79	
Phone		364.07	
Supplies		11,594.96	
Fuel Oil		1,129.15	
Curbing		2,046.92	
Sand, Gravel, Stone		3,109.51	
Fine Patch		1,501.53	
Asphalt		5,955.92	
Express/Freight		9.67	
Hired Equipment		4,867.51	
Other		150.77	\$ 88,656.27

Chapter 90 Constr. Charles St. — 1954

Expenses

Contract Payment	\$	13,622.65	
Advertising		2.63	\$ 13,625.28

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Pay Roll	\$	832.44	
Expense			
Machinery Rental		224.83	
Asphalt		1,080.74	
Sand/Stone		861.94	\$ 3,000.00

Snow and Ice Removal

Pay Roll	\$	15,445.61	
Expense			
Machinery Rental		2,310.41	
Plowing		4,527.99	
Supplies and Tools		4,607.01	
Calc. Chloride/Salt		2,157.00	
Sand		1,980.19	
Hired Equipment		417.34	\$ 31,445.55

Maintenance Storm Drains

Pay Roll	\$	7,500.00	
Expense			
Supplies		529.55	
Machinery Rental		1,052.51	
Hired Equipment		975.94	
Cleaning Catch Basins		1,942.00	\$ 12,000.00

Drainage Construction

Pay Roll	\$	14,570.15	
Expense			
Supplies and Tools		2,712.85	
Machinery Rental		1,628.88	
Pipe		1,524.04	
Manhole Covers/Frames		2,470.50	
Hired Equipment		15.00	
Contract Payment		10,137.64	
Advertising		30.25	\$ 33,089.31

Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction

Pay Roll	\$	10,551.75	
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Expense			
Supplies	5,040.46		
Sand/Gravel/Loam/Seed	227.18		
Stonedust	356.42		
Machinery Rental	1,293.38	\$	17,469.19
Sewer Maintenance			
Pay Roll	\$	3,591.91	
Expense			
Supplies	2,130.73		
Machinery Rental	1,608.15		
Light and Power	62.42		
Fuel Oil	147.70		
Insurance	1,291.96		
Interest on Bond	270.00	\$	9,102.87
Sewer Construction			
Pay Roll	\$	11,283.38	
Expense			
Supplies	6,524.86		
Pipe	1,872.90		
Hired Equipment	388.26		
Gravel	344.11		
Manhole Covers and Frames	1,105.00		
Machinery Rental	754.63	\$	22,273.14
Sewer House Connection			
Pay Roll	\$	5,490.79	
Expense			
Supplies	1,789.78		
Machinery Rental	851.38	\$	8,131.95
John Street Dump			
Pay Roll	\$	5,039.33	
Expense			
Supplies	200.00	\$	5,239.38
Park Department			
Memorial Park			
Pay Roll	\$	2,517.07	
Supplies	555.47		
Hired Equipment	2,625.65	\$	5,698.19
Leach Park			
Pay Roll	\$	18.57	18.57

Sturges Park			
Pay Roll	\$	637.62	
Lights	\$	6.53	644.15
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Commons			
Pay Roll	\$	898.67	
Supplies		146.99	
Lights		49.01	1,094.67
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Washington Street			
Pay Roll	\$	2,435.69	
Supplies		550.82	2,986.51
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Birch Meadow			
Pay Roll	\$	3,119.02	
Supplies		138.17	
Lights		60.24	3,317.43
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Little League			
Pay Roll	\$	828.99	
Supplies		177.09	1,006.08
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Miscellaneous			
Pay Roll	\$	512.85	
Supplies		498.04	
Machinery Rental		1,380.00	
Hired Equipment		173.25	2,564.14
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Water Deparmtent			
Office Salaries	\$	4,440.68	
Office Supplies		791.21	
Road Machinery Funds		5,304.61	
Phone and Miscellaneous		634.95	
Bonds and Interest		27,582.50	
Insurance		2,478.82	
Water Works Convention		55.70	41,288.47
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Pumping Station			
Pay Roll	\$	3,562.16	
Phone		138.75	
Light and Power		8,634.55	
Express		23.22	
Supplies		567.82	
Fuel Oil		154.57	
Weston and Sampson		438.39	13,569.46
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Filtration Plant

Pay Roll	\$	2,473.02	
Supplies		3,285.88	
Engineer Services		439.10	\$ 6,198.00

Wells

Pay Roll	\$	1,772.54	
Supplies		115.82	\$ 1,888.36

Garage

Lights	\$	24.70	
Phone		36.00	
Fuel Oil		502.02	
Supplies		824.90	\$ 1,387.62

Meter Maintenance

Pay Roll	\$	5,857.47	
Supplies and Fittings		2,343.86	
Express		4.60	
New Meters		2,620.66	\$ 10,826.59

Service Pipe Maintenance

Pay Roll	\$	20,122.97	
Supplies		2,308.56	
Express		18.02	
Range Oil		181.82	
Pipe		802.34	\$ 23,433.71

Service Pipe Construction

Pay Roll	\$	4,471.95	
Supplies		7,501.93	
Pipe		2,959.62	
Express		2.55	\$ 14,936.05

Main Pipe Maintenance

Pay Roll	\$	1,030.57	
Supplies		76.16	\$ 1,106.73

Main Pipe Construction

Pay Roll	\$	3,427.13	
Supplies		3,120.97	
Pipe		9,591.93	
Express/Freight		33.87	
Hired Equipment		64.13	\$ 16,238.03

Hydrant Maintenance and Construction			
Pay Roll	\$	731.19	
Repairs		250.50	
New Hydrants		1,876.80	\$ 2,858.49
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Miscellaneous			
Pay Roll	\$	8,203.20	
Supplies		122.73	
Express		6.56	\$ 8,337.49
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Standpipe			
Pay Roll	\$	250.05	
Supplies		15.18	\$ 265.23
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Street Betterments	\$	4,252.92	\$ 4,252.92
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Street Lighting			\$ 17,000.00
Parking Area Cleaning No. 1			
Pay Roll	\$	960.00	\$ 960.00
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Parking Area No. 2			
Expense			
Contract Payment	\$	2,464.30	\$ 2,464.30
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Resurfacing Streets			
Pay Roll	\$	200.00	
Expense			
Resurfacing		2,262.83	
Machinery Rental		35.13	\$ 2,497.96
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New High School — Access Roads			
Pay Roll	\$	2,369.97	
Expense			
Contract Payment		79,103.14	
Engineer Services		3,546.72	
Machinery Rental		558.77	
Supplies		1,653.47	
Advertising		4.50	
Pipe		121.60	
Curbing		265.20	\$ 87,625.96
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Road Machinery Fund			\$ 2,065.77
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Road Machinery Operating Account			
Water	\$	2,429.14	
Highway		8,497.43	
Sewer		1,021.48	

Drainage	442.40		
Snow and Ice	2,500.33		
Parks	297.02		
Maint. Storm Drains	190.27		
Engineering Division	191.21		
Dumps	81.71		
Bd. Public Works	39.88		
House Connections	80.85		
Hurricane Account	18.95		
New Equipment	21,409.00	\$	37,199.67
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Pensions			
Pay Roll	\$	8,485.52	\$ 8,485.52
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New High School — Water Mains			
Expense			
Hired Equipment	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
New High School — Sewer Construction			
Expense			
Contract Payment	\$	113,904.20	
Engineer Services		10,376.89	
Supplies		107.53	
Lights		5.64	
Damages		2,000.00	
Advertising		9.00	\$ 126,403.26
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Water Construction — Stand Pipe			
Expense			
Contract Payment	\$	1,099.00	
Engineer Services		80.50	\$ 1,179.50
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1950 New Wells — Water Const.			
Expense			
Contract Payment	\$	3,402.00	\$ 3,402.00
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Sewer Pumping Station Construction,			
Liquidated Damages		\$	1,150.00
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Total Public Works		\$	732,457.99

Charities and Aid

General Aid Administrative			
Personal Services	\$	4,489.16	
Expense:			
Office Supplies		94.86	
Telephone		78.06	

Printing and Postage	23.90	
Gas and Oil	24.55	
Maintenance of Station Wagon	34.28	
Building Maintenance	251.04	
Travel	19.81	
Other	181.27 \$	5,196.93

General Aid

Case Aid	\$ 13,909.85	
Nursing Homes	780.00	
Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary	493.84	
Division of Child Guardianship	22.49	
Medical:		
Doctors	\$ 454.70	
Hospitals	440.71	
Medicine	518.13	
Optical	53.00	
Dental	85.00	
Ambulance	73.00	
Visiting Nurse	46.50	
Other	241.00	
Payments to Other Cities and Towns	6,473.57 \$	23,591.79

Aid to Dependent Children Administrative

Personal Services	\$ 3,465.60	
Expense:		
Office Supplies	77.98	
Telephone	64.47	
Printing and Postage	9.80	
Building and Maintenance	110.07	
Gas and Oil	13.55	
Maintenance of Station Wagon	24.24	
Travel	7.75	
Other	59.42 \$	3,832.88

Aid to Dependent Children

Regular Cash Aid	\$ 22,702.43	
Material Aid:		
Doctors	399.00	
Optical	96.00	
Medicine	187.25	
Food	35.00	
Dental	378.00	
Hospital	1,459.83	
Visiting Nurse	5.76	
Burial	150.00	
Ambulance	10.00	
Other	61.20 \$	25,484.47

Disability Assistance Administrative

Personal Services \$ 1,741.87

Expense:

Office Supplies	31.25	
Telephone	26.02	
Printing and Postage	9.80	
Gas and Oil	8.19	
Maintenance of Station Wagon	10.19	
Building Maintenance	84.08	
Travel	5.90	
Other	59.42 \$	1,976.72

Disability Assistance

Regular Cash Aid \$ 8,347.95

Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary 256.78

Material Aid:

Doctors	323.00	
Optical	18.00	
Medicine	1,017.88	
Hospitals	261.90	
Visiting Nurse	313.92	
Ambulance	20.00	
Other	46.00 \$	10,605.43

Old Age Assistance Administrative

Personal Services \$ 11,002.97

Expense:

Building Maintenance	754.74	
Office Supplies and Equipment	1,360.97	
Travel	322.90	
Stationery and Printing	77.35	
Postage	68.50	
Telephone	262.91	
Other	301.14 \$	14,151.48

Old Age Assistance

Regular Cash Aid \$ 141,879.65

Material Aid:

Doctors	7,691.45
Medicine	6,658.91
Hospitals	6,172.00
Nursing Homes	29,631.91
Optical	623.50
Dental	322.00
Chiropodist	192.70
Ambulance	107.00
Visiting Nurse	90.24
Other	591.60

Payments on Account Deceased Persons:

Nursing Homes	\$	567.93	
Doctors		608.00	
Medicine		134.86	
Visiting Nurse		23.52	
Ambulance		96.00	
Burials		300.00	
Chiropodist		6.00	
Hospital		902.15	
Other		159.69	
Payments to Other Cities and Towns		4,259.42	\$ 201,018.53

Total Charities and Aid		\$	285,858.23
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Veterans' Benefits

Administrative

Personal Services

Agent	\$	1,425.00	
Clerk		434.40	\$ 1,859.40

Expense

Car	\$	225.60	
Telephone		227.20	
Supplies		115.29	
Other		47.50	\$ 615.59

Aid

Cash Assistance	\$	9,547.00	
Food		35.00	
Fuel		986.94	
Medicine		753.96	
Hospitals, Doctors		1,224.83	
Nursing Homes		544.68	
Other		117.47	\$ 13,209.88

Total Veterans' Benefits		\$	15,684.87
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Schools

Salaries:

Supt., Clerks and Enf. of Law	\$	29,129.51	
Directors		20,384.64	
Misc. Salaries of Instruction		1,600.00	
Principals		26,633.20	
Teachers		434,471.78	
Janitors and Matrons		61,226.39	
Health		8,099.34	\$ 581,544.86

Maintenance:

Supt. Office Expense	\$ 1,286.85	
Research and Professional Study	294.90	
Printing	685.82	
Travel Expense	578.08	
Prin. Office Expense	808.26	
Telephone	2,797.64	
Travel Expense — Enf. of Law	150.00	\$ 6,601.55

Instruction:

Travel Expense of Directors	\$ 651.57	
Textbooks and Supplementary Books	10,221.77	
Supplies — School	12,720.15	
Supplies — Shop	2,019.72	
Supplies — Domestic Science	372.89	
Film	911.94	
Physical Ed Equipment	933.21	
Tests	1,712.93	
Instructional Apparatus	2,329.41	
Express Charges	237.08	\$ 32,170.67

Operation of Plant:

Fuel	\$ 19,180.68	
Water and Sewer	1,658.93	
Electricity	6,694.64	
Gas	224.60	
Laundry and Summer Cleaning	364.86	
Ash Removal	375.97	
Ex. of Supr. of Blds. and Grounds	327.15	
Janitors Supplies	\$ 4,665.72	\$ 33,492.55

Maintenance of Plant:

Grounds	\$ 3,780.64	
Buildings	6,612.52	
Service System	130.43	
Plumbing and Heating	4,490.94	
Furniture Repair	658.47	\$ 15,673.00

Auxiliary Agencies:

Library	\$ 2,512.17	
Health Expenses	493.85	
Commencement	331.79	\$ 3,337.81

Capital Outlay:

New Equipment and Furniture	\$ 825.55	
Transportation	\$ 20,479.66	
Vocational Tuition	2,934.59	
Athletic Account	8,803.10	

Cafeteria Account	79,817.08
New Station Wagon	1,430.17
Pension Account	574.16
Land Purchase, White Property	6,550.00
New High School Athletic Field Study	1,000.00
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Total Schools	\$ 795,234.75

Library

Personal Services			
Librarians	\$	7,103.57	
Clerical		3,198.42	
Janitor		2,544.00	\$ 12,845.99
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Expense			
Books and Periodicals	\$	4,145.74	
Fuel		775.35	
Binding		525.26	
Printing and Supplies		339.94	
Building Maintenance		460.59	
Service Contract		209.20	
Telephone		173.25	
Light		79.07	
Water and Sewer		34.09	
Other		293.34	\$ 7,040.83
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Total Library	\$		19,886.82

Unclassified

As in Appropriation and Expenditure Schedule	\$ 89,075.70
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Light Department

Maintenance, Operation and Depreciation	\$1,113,961.92	
Hurricane Relief, State Reimbursement	91,430.11	\$1,205,392.03

Cemeteries

Personal Services			
Superintendent	\$	4,354.48	
Clerical		1,283.80	
Labor		17,540.87	\$ 23,179.15
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Expense			
Office Maintenance and Supplies		340.24	
Shop Maintenance		156.67	
Trucks and Tools Maintenance		1,341.06	
New Tools and Equipment		831.79	
Fertilizer, Seed, Loan, Cement, Water, etc.		960.06	

Flowers for Perpetual & Annual Care Lots	95.50	
Grave Liners	879.65	
Cemetery Development and Improvements	391.74	
Repairs at Forest Glen House	67.80	
Hurricane Expense	435.37 \$	5,499.88
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Care of Soldiers' Graves		1,200.00
Land Purchase for Forest Glen Cemetery		3,736.00
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Total Cemeteries	\$	33,615.03

Municipal Indebtedness

Interest:

Sewer Loan	\$	4,800.00	
School Loan, Pearl St.		437.50	
School Loan, Eaton		7,500.00	
School Loan, New High School		47,025.00	
Library Addition Loan		750.00 \$	60,512.50
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Maturing Debt:

Sewer Loan	\$	24,000.00	
School Loan, Pearl St.		5,000.00	
School Loan, Eaton		25,000.00	
School Loan, New High School		110,000.00	
Library Addition Loan		10,000.00 \$	174,000.00
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Total Municipal Indebtedness	\$	234,512.50
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Agency, Trust and Investment

As in Appropriation and Expenditure Schedule	\$	330,487.89
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Non-Revenue Accounts

New High School Construction	\$	672,283.92	
Light Construction — Regular		109,071.01	
Light Construction — Special		56,965.36	
Portion of Loans Invested:			
New High School Construction		548,478.50	
New High School Sewer Construction		174,520.00	
Light Sub-Station Construction		149,576.25	\$1,710,900.04
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Refunds

Taxes, Assessments, Public Service Enterprise \$	13,363.92	
Departmental	7,441.25 \$	20,805.17
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Total Expenditures in 1954		\$5,815,652.92

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Appropriated from 1953	1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31
General Government						
Selectmen's Clerical	\$	1,286.00			\$ 1,285.70	.30
Selectmen's Expense		1,500.00			1,126.28	373.72
Town Accountant's Salary		4,875.00			4,875.00	—
Town Accountant's Clerical		651.68			651.68	—
Town Accountant's Expense		600.00			597.46	2.54
Treasurer's Salary		2,500.00			2,500.00	—
Treasurer's Clerical		975.00	75.00		1,037.58	12.42
Treasurer's Expense		650.00	125.00		769.90	5.10
Collector's Salary		4,390.00			4,390.00	—
Collector's Clerical		5,935.00			5,916.30	33.70
Collector's Expense		2,100.00			2,088.31	11.69
Assessors' Salaries		3,849.00		400.00	3,436.50	12.50
Assessors' Clerical		5,841.00			5,787.30	53.70
Assessors' Expense		2,715.00			2,566.98	148.02
Town Counsel's Salary		2,500.00			2,500.00	—
Town Counsel's Expense		1,500.00			1,500.00	—
Town Clerk's Salary		1,672.50			1,672.50	—
Town Clerk's Clerical		2,948.00	15.00		2,956.50	6.50
Town Clerk's Expense		700.00			698.32	1.68
Registrars' Salaries		500.00			500.00	—
Registrars' Expense		2,000.00			2,000.00	—
Election and Registration Expense		3,500.00	525.00		4,006.34	18.66
Board of Appeal Expense		350.00			333.68	16.32
Capital Exp. Planning Com. Expense		300.00			197.75	102.25
Planning Board Expense		700.00			198.38	501.62

	Balance Appropriated from 1953	1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31	
Finance Committee Expense		100.00			66.10	33.90	
Personnel Board Expense		50.00			20.63	29.37	
Municipal Building Janitor		3,168.80			3,168.80	—	
Municipal Building Maintenance		3,800.00	350.00		4,147.49	2.51	
	\$	61,676.98	\$	400.00	\$	60,995.48	
						\$	1,371.50
Protection of Persons and Property							
Police Dept. Salaries		\$ 89,855.05			\$	89,663.59	\$ 191.46
Police Dept. Pensions		9,388.36			9,888.36	—	—
Police Dept. Maintenance		10,395.00			10,612.22	282.78	—
Police Station Maintenance		2,700.00			2,637.17	62.83	—
New Uniforms for Policemen, Art. 11	262.15	1,200.00			1,110.45	351.70	—
New Cruising Car, No. 1, Art. 8		500.00			500.00	—	—
New Cruising Car, No. 2, Art. 9		500.00			500.00	—	—
New Cruising Car, No. 3, Art. 10		2,350.00			2,350.00	—	—
Fire Dept. Salaries		73,911.80			73,911.80	—	—
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries		5,700.00			5,181.25	518.75	—
Fire Dept. Pensions		1,375.00			1,375.00	—	—
Fire Dept. Maintenance		9,395.00	500.00		9,892.20	2.80	—
Fire Stations Maintenance		3,000.00			3,000.00	—	—
Fire Alarm Maintenance		3,000.00	500.00		3,463.67	36.33	—
Fire Alarm Extension		1,600.00			1,581.16	18.84	—
New Uniforms for Firemen, Art. 12	377.99	550.00			406.35	521.64	—
New Two-Way Radio, Art. 13		525.00			514.40	10.60	—
Moth and Tree Dept. Salaries		18,491.20			15,784.02	2,707.18	—
Moth and Tree Dept. Maintenance		5,740.00	400.00		6,135.84	4.16	—
Town Forest, Art. 16	291.62	500.00			265.83	525.79	—

Dutch Elm Control, Art. 15	3,200.00	1,824.24	1,375.76
Hydrant Rentals	6,150.00	6,150.00	—
Drinking Fountains	100.00	100.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Salary	3,750.00	3,750.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Expense	455.00	451.10	3.90
Inspector of Wires Salary	700.00	700.00	—
Inspector of Wires Expense	300.00	196.81	103.19
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary ...	650.00	650.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense ..	250.00	242.03	7.97
Dog Officer's Salary	375.00	375.00	—
Dog Officer's Expense	400.00	356.79	43.21
Game Warden's Salary	105.00	105.00	—
Traffic Control	2,200.00	2,493.44	17.50
Civil Defense	4,503.22	314.22	4,189.00
Mosquito Control	600.00	599.20	.80
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	\$ 6,034.98 \$	260,311.41 \$	1,710.94
		\$ 257,081.14 \$	10,976.19

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 1,446.00	—
Board of Health Expense	1,000.00	997.88	2.12
Health Officer's Salary	600.00	600.00	—
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	1,330.00	1,330.00	—
Inspector of Animals Salary	400.00	400.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	350.00	350.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense	50.00	50.00	—
Care of Contagious Diseases	4,000.00	3,126.02	873.98
Premature Babies	1,000.00	784.00	216.00
Garbage Collection	9,000.00	11,132.16	—
Dental Clinic	2,850.00	2,849.22	.78
Child Welfare, Art. 45	600.00	600.00	—
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	\$ 22,626.00 \$	2,132.16	
		\$ 23,665.28 \$	1,092.88

	Balance from 1953	Appropriated 1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31
Public Works						
Administrative Salaries		\$ 8,700.00		\$	8,553.49	\$ 146.51
Administrative Expense		1,600.00			1,600.00	—
Pensions		8,536.32			8,485.52	50.80
Engineering Division Salaries		23,900.00		\$ 1,410.37	22,021.08	468.55
Engineering Division Expense		1,800.00			1,799.65	.35
Highway Maint. and Oper. Salaries		54,000.00			53,195.57	804.43
Highway Maint. and Oper. Expense		35,500.00			35,460.70	39.30
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 32, 1953	\$ 1,274.41					1,274.41
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 34, 1954		5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		13,625.28	6,374.72
Chap. 90 Maint., Art. 35, 1954		1,000.00	2,000.00		3,000.00	—
Snow and Ice Removal Salaries		14,500.00	1,000.00		15,445.61	54.39
Snow and Ice Removal Expense		15,500.00	500.00		15,999.94	.06
Sewer Maint. and Oper. Salaries		6,000.00		1,500.00	3,591.91	908.09
Sewer Maint. and Oper. Expense		4,000.00	1,580.43	37.47	5,510.96	32.00
Sewer House Conn. Salaries		5,700.00			5,490.79	209.21
Sewer House Connection Expense		3,300.00			2,641.16	658.84
Maint. Storm Drains Salaries		7,500.00			7,500.00	—
Maint. Storm Drains Expense		4,500.00			4,500.00	—
Drainage Constr. Salaries		16,000.00			14,570.15	1,429.85
Drainage Constr. Expense		19,000.00			18,519.16	480.84
Sidewalk Constr. and Maint. Salaries		13,300.00		1,800.00	10,551.75	948.25
Sidewalk Constr. and Maint. Expense		6,200.00	1,800.00		6,917.44	1,082.56
John St. Dump Wages		5,100.00			5,039.38	60.62
John St. Dump Expense		200.00			200.00	—
Park Dept. Salaries		13,600.00		2,000.00	10,968.48	631.52
Park Dept. Expense		5,900.00	2,000.00		6,361.26	1,538.74
Parking Areas Cleaning Sals., Art. 33		960.00			960.00	—
Parking Areas Cleaning Exp., Art. 33		320.00			—	320.00

Water Maint. and Oper. Sals.	56,400.00	3,600.00	56,347.93	3,652.07
Water Dept. Expense	46,017.50	12,431.80	58,403.80	45.50
Water Debt and Interest	27,582.50		27,582.50	—
Water Dept. Garage	\$ 23,930.97		—	23,930.97
Road Machinery Fund	20,810.74	25,503.33	2,065.77	23,448.30
Road Machinery Oper. Acct., Art. 31	479.67	20,800.00	37,199.67	—
Parking Area No. 2 Const.	2,227.58	236.72	2,464.30	—
New High School Water Mains, Art. 30, 1953	27,000.00		100.00	—
New High School Access Roads, Art. 31, 1953	110,504.41	14,683.15	87,625.96	37,561.60
Evergreen Rd. Bett. Sals.	671.01		—	671.01
Evergreen Rd. Bett. Exp.	422.14		—	422.14
Tennyson Rd. Bett. Sals.	145.03		—	145.03
Tennyson Rd. Bett. Exp.	103.80		—	103.80
Wentworth Rd. Bett. Sals.	29.63		—	29.63
Wentworth Rd. Bett. Exp.	290.02		—	290.02
Woodland St. Bett. Sals.	783.64		—	783.64
Woodland St. Bett. Exp.	425.02		—	425.02
John Carver Rd. Bett. Sals.	1,600.00		1,221.43	378.57
John Carver Rd. Bett. Exp.	1,400.00		1,374.55	25.45
Overlook Rd. Bett. Sals.	1,200.00		796.29	403.71
Overlook Rd. Bett. Exp.	1,010.00		860.65	149.35
Resurfacing Streets Sals., Art. 32	200.00		200.00	—
Resurfacing Streets Exp., Art. 32	2,065.14	234.86	2,297.96	2.04
Sewer Extension Salaries	19,000.00		11,283.38	7,716.62
Sewer Extension Expense	21,000.00		10,939.76	10,010.24
Street Lighting	17,000.00		17,000.00	—
Sewer Pumping Sta. Liquidated Damages		1,500.00	350.00	—
			1,150.00	—
	\$ 189,098.07 \$	492,011.46 \$	102,870.29 \$	54,797.84 \$
			601,473.23 \$	127,708.75

	Balance from 1953	Appropriated 1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31
Charities and Aid						
General Aid Adm. Salaries		\$ 5,080.00			\$ 4,489.16	\$ 590.84
General Aid Adm. Expense		760.00			707.77	52.23
General Aid		24,000.00			23,591.79	408.21
Aid to Dep. Children, Adm.		3,000.00			2,146.03	853.97
Aid to Dep. Children		16,500.00			14,520.47	1,979.53
A.D.C. Federal Grants, Adm.	\$ 333.80		\$ 1,644.17		1,686.85	341.12
A.D.C. Federal Grants, Aid	1,228.19		10,705.68		10,964.00	969.87
Old Age Assistance, Adm.		6,900.00			6,900.00	—
Old Age Assistance		132,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	120,447.88	9,552.12
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Adm.	1,281.58		7,153.40		7,251.48	1,183.50
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Aid	6,822.59		89,111.39		80,570.65	6,363.33
Disability Assistance, Adm.		1,570.00			835.37	734.63
Disability Assistance		11,200.00			5,813.87	5,386.13
D. A. Federal Grants, Adm.	234.13		1,140.99		1,141.35	233.77
D. A. Federal Grants, Aid	441.02		4,759.66		4,791.56	409.12
	\$ 10,391.31	\$ 201,010.00	\$ 105,515.29	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 285,858.23	\$ 29,058.37
Veterans' Benefits						
Administrative Salaries		\$ 1,859.40			\$ 1,859.40	—
Administrative Expense		700.00			615.59	84.41
Aid		13,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		13,209.88	1,790.12
	\$ 15,559.40	\$ 15,559.40	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 15,624.87	\$ 1,874.53
Education - Schools						
General Salaries	\$ 584,805.47			\$ 574.16	\$ 581,544.86	\$ 2,686.45

General Maintenance	105,695.70	8,075.95	92,101.13	5,518.62
Vocational Tuition	3,000.00		2,934.59	65.41
Transportation	25,000.00	4,000.00	20,479.66	520.34
Athletics	775.24		8,803.10	1,172.29
Cafeterias	9,213.33	4,700.15	79,817.08	11,377.00
New High School Plans	13.83		—	13.83
School Land Purchase Oak and Summer	589.50		—	589.50
School Land Purchase Birch Meadow	455.20		—	455.20
Junior High School Repairs	1,500.00		—	1,500.00
Highland School Repairs	467.00		—	467.00
Station Wagon Purchase, Art. 29	1,500.00		1,430.17	69.83
School Land Purchase Forest St.	55.00		—	55.00
School Land Purchase, White Property ...		6,600.00	6,550.00	50.00
New High School Athletic Field Study ...	1,000.00		1,000.00	—
School Veteran's Pension		574.16	574.16	—

\$ 14,069.10 \$ 728,001.17 \$ 90,355.06 \$ 12,650.11 \$ 795,234.75 \$ 24,540.47

Public Library

Salaries	\$ 12,746.33	\$ 100.00	12,845.99	.39
Maintenance	7,054.00		7,040.83	13.17

\$ 19,800.38 \$ 100.00 \$ 19,886.82 \$ 13.56

Unclassified

Recreation, Article 44	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,492.05	7.95
Insurance	27,773.60	37,425.56	1,838.57
Memorial Day Observance	1,857.00	1,845.44	11.56
Damage Claims	1,500.00	54.60	1,445.40
Care and Lighting Old South Clock	200.00	173.93	21.02
Printing Town Report	1,430.80	1,430.80	—
Printing Street List	900.00	874.75	25.25

	Balance Appropriated from 1953	1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31		
Aid to Agriculture, Article 46		100.00			98.32	1.68		
Parking Areas Maint.		400.00			313.47	86.53		
Legion Quarters Rent, Art. 42		1,500.00			1,500.00	—		
V.F.W. Quarters Rent, Art. 43		660.00			660.00	—		
Land Court Expense, Art. 6		200.00			16.00	184.00		
Contributory Fund -- Pension		36,643.00			36,643.00	—		
Contributory Fund -- Expense		1,350.00			1,350.00	—		
Contributory Fund -- Military Service ...		575.20			575.20	—		
Recording Fees -- Reg. of Deeds		100.00			75.00	25.00		
Unpaid 1953 Bill, Art. 19		40.00			40.00	—		
Birch Meadow Area Study, Art. 7, 6/30/54			2,200.00		—	2,200.00		
Reserve Fund			25,000.00	4,025.94	—	20,974.06		
Old High School Building Maint.			6,000.00		502.53	5,497.47		
	\$	80,729.60	\$	4,025.94	\$	89,075.70		
						\$	32,318.49	
Light Department								
Maintenance			\$1,188,993.46	\$	77,422.98	\$1,111,570.48	—	
Depreciation	\$	4,461.10	63,250.60		2,391.44	65,320.26	—	
Hurricane Relief, State Reimb.			91,430.11		91,430.11	—	—	
	\$	4,461.10	\$1,343,674.17	\$	77,422.98	\$1,205,392.03	\$	65,320.26
Cemeteries								
Maintenance Salaries	\$	21,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	23,179.15	\$	20.85
Maintenance Expense		2,500.00	3,015.68		5,499.88	15.80	—	—
Care of Soldiers' Graves, Art. 17		1,200.00			1,200.00	—	—	—
Cemetery Land Purchase			3,750.00		3,736.00	14.00	—	—
	\$	24,700.00	\$	8,965.68	\$	33,615.03	\$	50.65

Municipal Indebtedness

Interest, not incl. Sewer, Light & Water ..
 Maturing Debt, not incl. Light & Water
 Loans in Anticipation of Revenue

\$ 56,962.50 \$ 4,800.00 \$ 1,250.00 \$ 60,512.50
 174,000.00 174,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment

Dog Licenses due County \$ 51.60
 Sporting Licenses due State
 Parker Hospital Fund — Income 2,320.47
 Parker Hospital Fund — Transactions
 Grouard Hospital Fund — Income 13.80
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

\$ 230,962.50 \$ 4,800.00 \$ 1,250.00 \$ 234,512.50
 \$ 3,157.20 \$ 3,121.80 \$ 87.00
 1,644.50 1,594.50 50.00
 4,229.83 3,781.64 2,768.66
 3,000.00 3,000.00
 2,130.10 2,143.90

Bequests
 Interest
 Transactions
 R. H. S. Scholarship Fund
 Torrey Library Fund
 Tailings Account
 Withholding Tax
 Blue Cross — Blue Shield
 Guarantee Deposits
 Salvage Account
 State Parks and Reservations
 Audit Municipal Accounts
 Audit Retirement System
 Metropolitan Sewerage
 County Tax
 County T. B. Hospital
 Hurricane Relief, State Reimb.

5,212.50 5,153.40 59.10
 2,485.40 2,485.40
 17,000.00 17,000.00
 146.25 146.25
 32.50 32.50
 64.25 5.85 445.03
 143,309.63 142,422.95 14,401.79
 18,667.72 18,391.85 1,783.20
 188.75 86.87 156.88
 184.24 44.00 6,770.94
 3,291.93 3,279.02 12.91
 306.60 306.60
 80.24 80.24
 25,601.77 25,024.39 577.38
 49,546.39 47,744.66 1,801.73
 16,230.07 16,187.21 42.86
 38,454.85 38,454.85

\$ 24,480.70 \$ 334,964.72

\$ 330,487.89 \$ 28,957.53

	Balance from 1953	Appropriated 1954	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance Dec. 31
Non-Revenue Accounts						
New High School Construction	\$ 706,365.37	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 116,145.43		\$ 672,288.92	\$ 210,221.88
New High School Sewer Const.	169,557.81				126,403.26	43,154.55
Library Addition	178.17				—	178.17
Water Construction — Standpipe	22,419.02			3,678.58	1,179.50	17,560.94
Light Construction — Regular	130,817.28		16,128.40		109,071.01	37,874.67
Light Construction — Special	58,921.38			1,956.02	56,965.36	—
Water Construction — Wells			3,678.58		3,402.00	276.58
Portion of Loans Invested:						
New High School Construction			548,478.50		548,478.50	—
New High School Sewer Const.			174,520.00		174,520.00	—
Mun. Light Sub-Station Const.			149,576.25		149,576.25	—
	\$1,083,259.03	\$ 60,000.00	\$1,008,527.16	5,634.60	\$1,841,884.80	\$ 309,266.79
Refunds						
Taxes, Assessments, Pub. Ser. Ent., Etc.			\$ 13,363.92		\$ 13,363.92	
Departmental			7,441.25		7,441.25	
					—	
			\$ 20,805.17		\$ 20,805.17	
TOTALS	\$1,336,794.29	\$2,197,388.90	\$3,072,201.17	\$ 158,181.47	\$5,815,652.92	\$ 616,421.57

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total active membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 21, 1954 was two hundred and fifty-two.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1954:

Cash	
Balance January 1, 1954	\$ 13,598.94
Receipts	
1954 Receipts:	
Invested Income	\$ 6,499.80
Contributions by Members	34,550.38
City of Medford	93.56
Add. Payments	1,894.30
Appropriated by Town:	
Pension Fund	36,643.00
Expense Fund	1,350.00
Military Service Credit Fund	575.20
Refunds	155.71
	81,761.95
	\$ 95,360.89
Expenditures	
1954 Payments:	
Investments	\$ 29,800.00
Expenses	1,270.43
Annuities	3,460.63
Pensions	41,267.80
Refunds to Members	11,027.31
	86,826.17
Balance December 31, 1954	8,534.72
	\$ 95,360.89
Assets	
Cash, Middlesex County Nat. Bank, Reading	\$ 8,534.72
Deposits on Interest	26,000.00
Paid-Up Cooperative Shares	40,000.00
Federal Loan and Savings Association	7,828.74
U. S. Savings Bonds	219,000.00
Accrued Interest on Investment	1,655.32
	\$ 303,018.78

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund	\$201,120.11
Annuity Reserve Fund	37,887.40
Pension Fund	59,866.34
Special Military Service Credit	3,814.65
Expense Fund	330.28

\$ 303,018.78

Contributory Retirement Board

DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary
ARTHUR C. ALDRICH

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

Balance January 1, 1954 \$ 227,773.39

Receipts:

Income from Savings Banks	\$ 2,396.46	
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds	3,025.00	
Income from Stock, First National Bank of Boston & Coop. Bank Paid-up Shares	820.50	\$ 6,241.93

Principal from Estate of Gilman L. Parker 236.88

\$ 234,302.23

Disbursements:

Hospital Bills	\$ 1,761.59	
State Deposit Box Rent	10.00	\$ 1,771.59

Balance, December 31, 1954 \$ 232,530.64

Invested as Follows:

Savings Banks	\$ 84,682.54
U.S. Savings Bonds	118,000.00
First National Bank of Boston, 108 Shares	4,036.44
Co-operative Bank Paid-up Shares, 115	23,000.00
Home Bleach & Dye Works, Pfd., 2 Shares	11.00
Sharpe Mfg. Co. Preferred, 55 Shares	1.00
Sharpe Mfg. Co., Common, 20 Shares	1.00
In General Cash	2,768.66

\$ 232,530.64

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954		\$	90,038.57
Receipts:			
Income from Savings Banks	\$	165.93	
Income from Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares		65.00	
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds		2,065.10	\$ 2,296.03
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Balance, December 31, 1954		\$	92,334.60
Invested as Follows:			
Savings Banks	\$	7,834.60	
Co-operative Bank Paid-up Shares		2,000.00	
U.S. Savings Bonds		82,500.00	
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		\$	92,334.60

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954		\$	148,575.15
Receipts:			
Bequests	\$	5,055.00	
Income Savings Banks		1,489.93	
Income from Securities		2,477.00	\$ 9,021.93
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		\$	157,597.08
Disbursements:			
For Work on Endowed Lots		\$	3,196.46
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Balance, December 31, 1954		\$	154,400.62
Invested as Follows:			
Savings Banks	\$	56,341.52	
Co-operative Bank Paid-up Shares		20,000.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds		78,000.00	
In General Cash		59.10	
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		\$	154,400.62

Public Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	1,042.73
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		30.19
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$	1,072.92

Horace G. Wadlin Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	1,777.52
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		51.44
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$	1,828.96

Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	573.98
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		14.42
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$	588.40

Edward Appleton Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 5,163.99
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	169.17
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$ 5,333.16

Charles Torrey Library Fund

Balance, January 31, 1954	\$ 1,031.71
Receipts — Income from Investments	33.25
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Balance, December 31, 1954	\$ 1,064.96

R.H.S. Scholarship Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 5,201.10
Receipts — Income from Savings Banks	147.68
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Banks	\$ 5,348.78

Ethel E. Grant Swimming Pool Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 35,609.96
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	1,023.61
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$ 36,633.57

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 658.79
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	16.57
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Balance, December 31, 1954, in Savings Bank	\$ 675.36

Stabilization Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 85,093.38
Receipts — Income from Savings Banks	2,609.43
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Balance, December 31, 1954 in Savings Banks	\$ 87,707.81

I hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the account of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1954.

BOYD H. STEWART,
Town Accountant

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